

# Improving services for people diagnosable with Personality Disorder. An inpatient perspective.

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27<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Pride in our adults and specialist mental health services



# SPRINGBANK WARD

Opened May 2011

## Unique in the NHS

- Most of these patients go to the private sector.



## Inclusion

- Women, trans, and non-binary
- Severe Borderline Personality Disorder
- **Co-morbidity is the norm**
- Failure to manage in the community / acute wards

## Treatment

- 12 beds
- 1 year programme
- DBT, pharmacotherapy, occupational therapy, music therapy, physiotherapy, and others



# OUTLINE

The Guidance

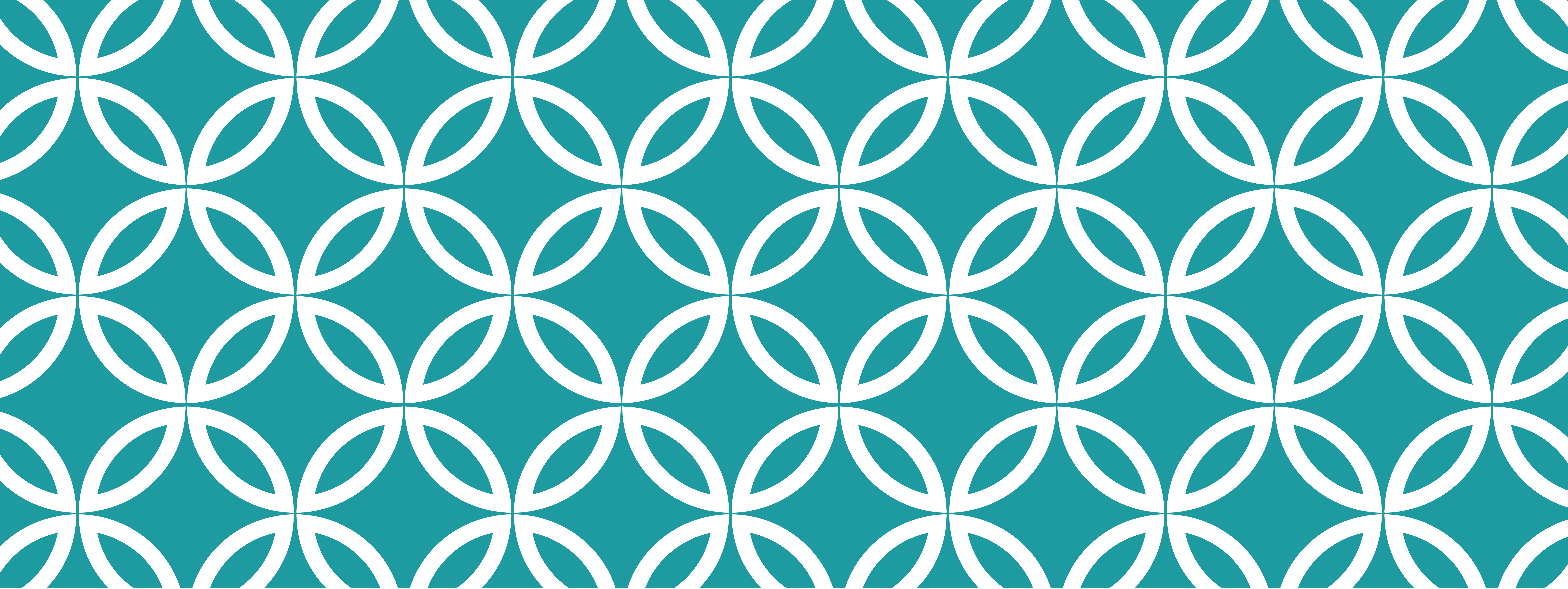
The System

The Culture

Areas to Improve

Helpful facts and tips

Discussion & Q&A



# THE GUIDELINES





# NICE GUIDELINES BORDERLINE

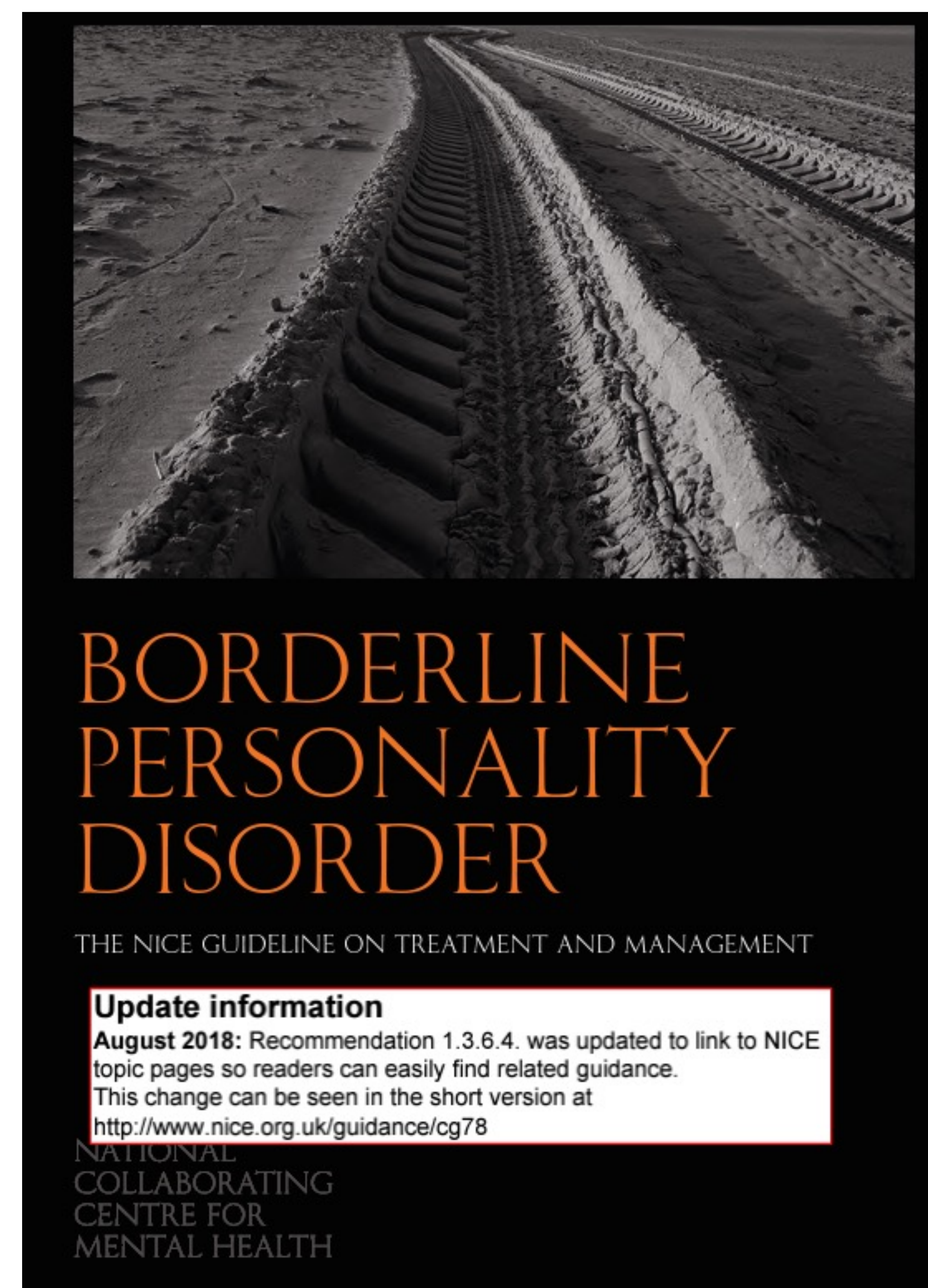
## No medication

- Crisis management
- Promethazine (1 week)

## Psychological interventions

## Inpatient treatment

- Short-term management of acute risk
  - 'significant risk to self or others'
- Assess and treat co-morbidities
- Detention under MHA
  - Extreme circumstances
- Involve patient and agree duration





# MEDICATION HABITS

Europe (2015)

Prescription analysis

2001 – 2011

90% on psychotropics

- 80% > 2
- 54% > 3

Antipsychotics / Antidepressants 70%

- Quetiapine 22%

Anticonvulsants 33%

Benzodiazepines 30%

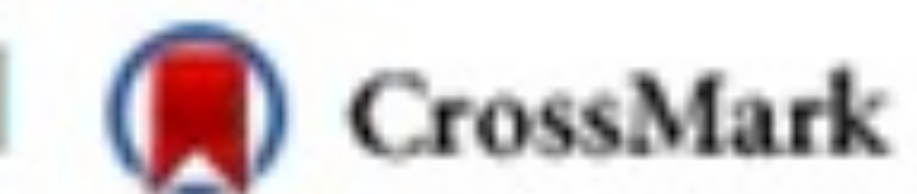
Lithium 4%

Psychopharmacological treatment of 2195 in-patients with borderline personality disorder: A comparison with other psychiatric disorders

[René Bridler](#), [Anne Häberle](#), [Sabrina T. Müller](#), [Katja Cattapan](#), [Renate Grohmann](#), [Sermin Toto](#), [Siegfried Kasper](#), [Waldemar Greil](#)  



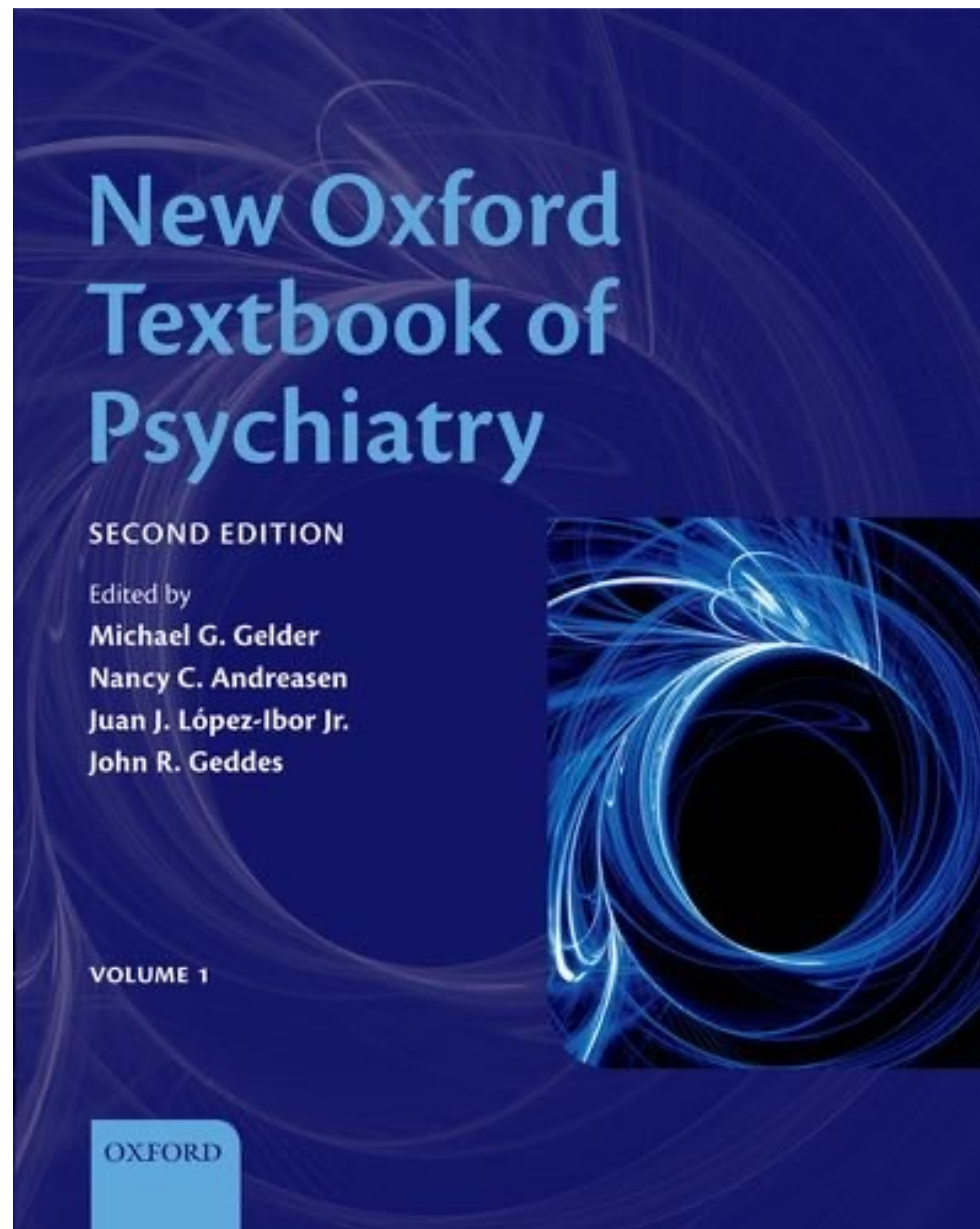
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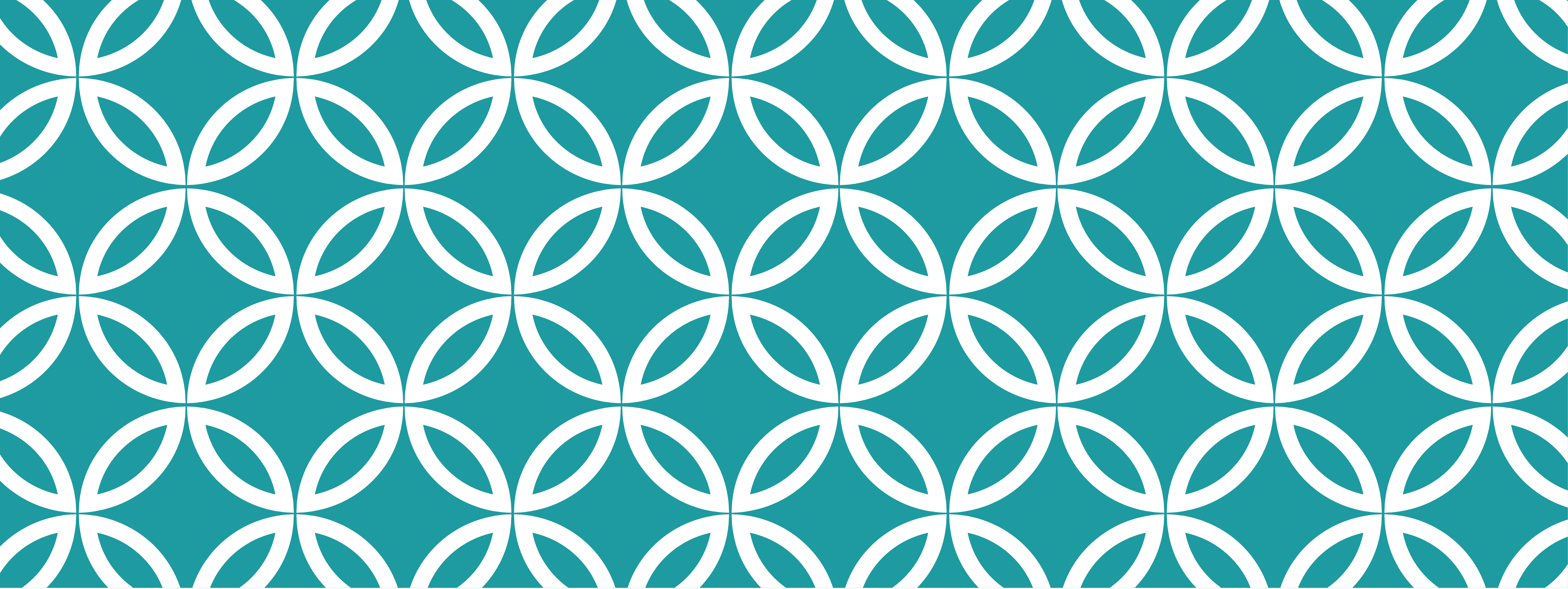
# PD PREVALENCE IN INPATIENT SETTINGS



**Table 4.12.4.3** Median prevalence rates of PDs among psychiatric patients in prospective studies including more than 100 subjects

Diagnostic category	Number of studies (N)	Median sample (N)	Median prevalence rates (%)
Alcohol and substance abuse	15	250	57.0
Affective disorder	19	200	49.2
Anxiety disorders	7	200	40.4
Any Axis disorder	20	131	51.0





# THE SYSTEM





# INPATIENT TREATMENT IN MENTAL HEALTH: IT IS ABOUT PSYCHOSIS

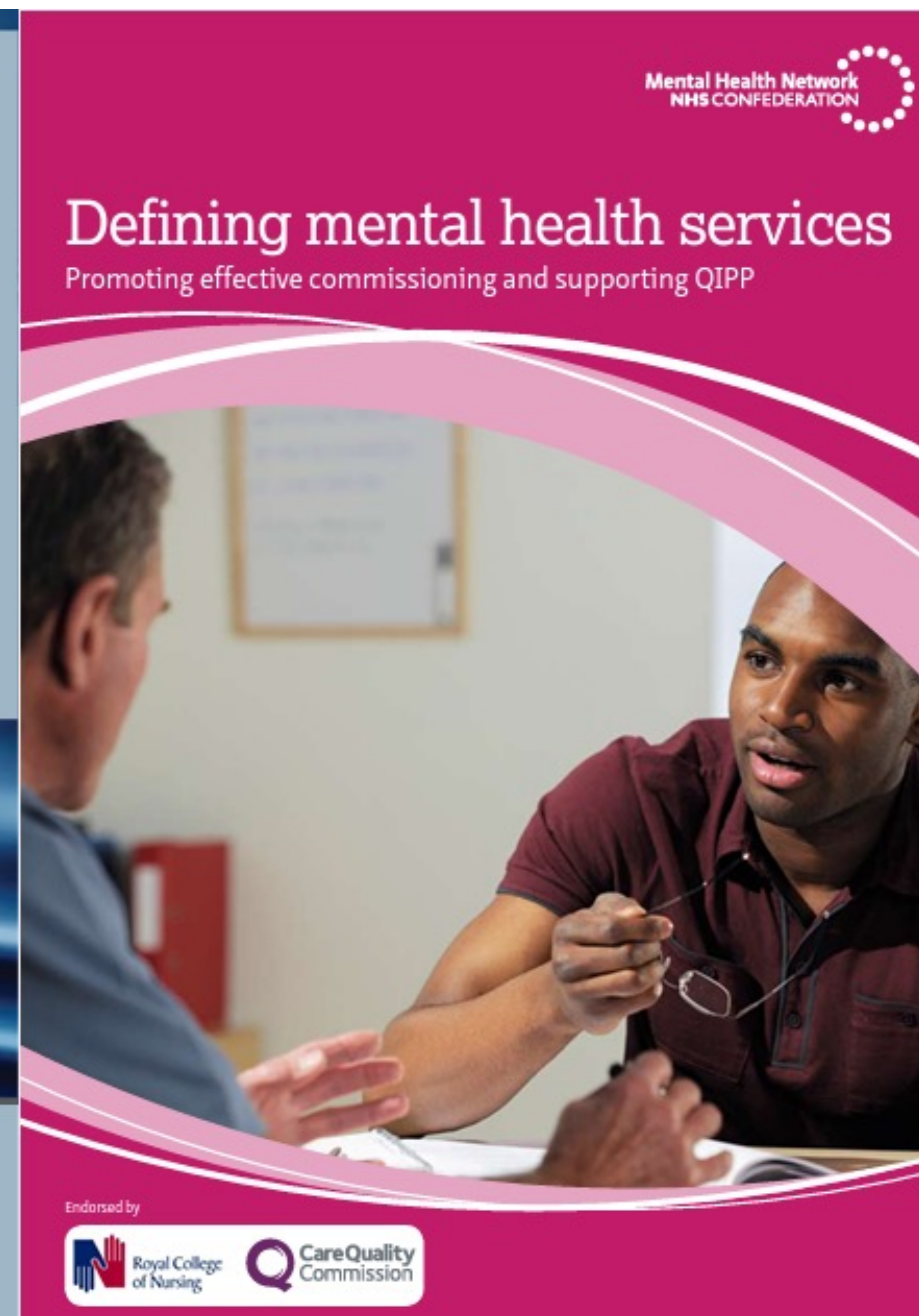
Enabling recovery for people  
with complex mental health needs

A template for rehabilitation services

Faculty report FR/RS/1  
Royal College of Psychiatrists  
Faculty of Rehabilitation and Social Psychiatry

Edited by Paul Wolfson, Frank Holloway  
and Helen Killaspy

2009



2012

Joint Commissioning Panel  
for Mental Health

[www.jcpmh.info](http://www.jcpmh.info)

Guidance for commissioners of  
rehabilitation services  
for people with complex  
mental health needs

Practical  
mental health  
commissioning

Updated  
November 2016

2016



# HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

## Acute

### 'Acute wards'

- <90 days

### PICUs

- Few days to weeks

## Rehabilitation

Unit Type	Length of stay	Site	Risk-management	Resource suggested as per population size	Funding
High Dependency	1 – 3 years	Hospital	Locked	1 unit per 600,000 – 1 million	CCG
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In area & Out of Area Placements (OAPs)



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‘Locked-rehab’ is not a ward type



# COST

## PAYING THE PRICE

The cost of mental health care in England to 2026

Paul McCrone  
Sujith Dhanasiri  
Anita Patel  
Martin Knapp  
Simon Lawton-Smith

**TABLE 1: NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH SPECIFIC DISORDERS AND CURRENT AND PROJECTED COSTS**

Disorder	Number of people (million)		Service costs (£ billion)			Lost earnings (£ billion)			Total costs (£ billion)		
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Depression	1.24	1.45	1.68	2.03	2.96	5.82	6.31	9.19	7.50	8.34	12.15
Anxiety disorders	2.28	2.56	1.24	1.40	2.04	7.7	8.34	12.15	8.94	9.74	14.19
Schizophrenic disorders	0.21	0.244	2.23	2.52	3.67	1.78	1.94	2.83	4.01	4.46	6.5
Bipolar disorder/ related conditions	1.14	1.23	1.64	1.8	2.63	3.57	3.83	5.58	5.21	5.63	8.21
Eating disorders	0.117	0.122	0.016	0.016	0.024	0.035	0.036	0.052	0.051	0.052	0.076
Personality disorder <sup>a</sup>	2.47	2.64	0.7	0.78	1.13	7.2	7.65	11.16	7.9	8.43	12.29
Child/adolescent disorders <sup>b</sup>	0.61	0.69	0.14	0.16	0.24	0	0	0	0.14	0.16	0.24
Dementia <sup>b</sup>	0.58	0.94	14.85	23.88	34.79	0	0	0	14.85	23.88	34.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.65</b>	<b>9.88</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>32.59</b>	<b>47.48</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>40.97</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>60.69</b>	<b>88.45</b>

Notes: <sup>a</sup> The costs for personality disorders related to 64.6 per cent of people with the condition (see Chapter 9). <sup>b</sup> The total costs are the same as the service costs as we have assumed that there is no lost employment for people with these conditions. <sup>c</sup> It has been assumed that real pay and prices increase by two percentage points above the GDP deflator.



# AMBITION

2016

End 'inappropriate acute OAPs' by 2020-21.

- Inappropriate = sent OOA as no local bed available.

NHS Digital starts collecting data

\*No ambition to end 'rehabilitation' OAPs



Guidance

## Out of area placements in mental health services for adults in acute inpatient care

Published 30 September 2016

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The government has set a national ambition to eliminate inappropriate out of area placements (OAPs)<sup>[[footnote 1](#)]</sup> in mental health services for adults in acute inpatient care by 2020 to 2021. This definition of OAPs has been developed following significant stakeholder engagement to enable progress against the ambition to be monitored. It is aimed at providers, commissioners and users of local adult inpatient acute mental health services in England.



# BIGSPD REPORT

FOI data

Lived Experience

Public information available on acute  
OAPs

## OUT-OF-AREA PLACEMENTS FOR PEOPLE WITH A PERSONALITY DISORDER DIAGNOSIS IN ENGLAND

FINDINGS FROM A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST  
AND REVIEW OF PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DATA

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## KARINA

*Throughout my time as an inpatient, I was transferred numerous times to different hospitals, and, more often than not, these units would be miles away from my home and family.*

*One of the units that I got sent to was 2 and ½ hours away from home and during the time I spent there I was treated horrendously. I was restrained daily and could be injected with sedative medication up to 3x a day, usually without being given the option of oral PRN, or even the chance to discuss why I was feeling so distressed with a staff member.*

*I had a similar experience, when I was once again transferred out of area to another unit 2 hours away from my home.*

*I had to wear an anti-ligature dress and was denied access to my underwear. This meant I had to wrap a blanket around my waist whenever I sat down, despite there being an option of a two-piece garment.*

*I was also restrained and injected regularly without being offered time to talk or oral medication. I remember a few specific memories from this unit which include a time when a nurse decided to inject me, (despite me saying I will take oral medication) just because I was crying.*

*Another traumatic memory I have is of me sitting in the corner of my bedroom very upset, and the staff member on my 1-1 decided to pull me across the floor by my anti-ligature suit so that she could apparently watch me better, instead of talking to me about what was upsetting me and asking me if I could move.*

*Neither of these units offered a reliable form of therapy and it was very hard to build up a trusting relationship with the staff. The impression I now get of these two units is the staff genuinely cared more about their liability as a hospital than caring and giving quality time to their patients.*





# PERSONALITY DISORDER IN OOA

FOI (3,541 placements)

- 11%

Published acute

- FOI period (24,540)
  - 22% (underestimate)
- Feb 2021 (7,145)
  - 9%

Duration (71 days)

Costs (£12-27m)

Comorbidities

**Providers** (Priory and Cygnet 71%. NHS 1%)

**MHA** (67% FOI)

**Discharge** (no specialist PD aftercare)



# LAINGBUISSON REPORT

13.5% of the NHS MH budget goes to the independent sector.

10,123 private beds

- NHS 17,610

15-20% profit margins

Lack of competition

- 4 providers get 2/3 of the money
- 71 facilities inadequate



**NHS**

## NHS paying £2bn a year to private hospitals for mental health patients

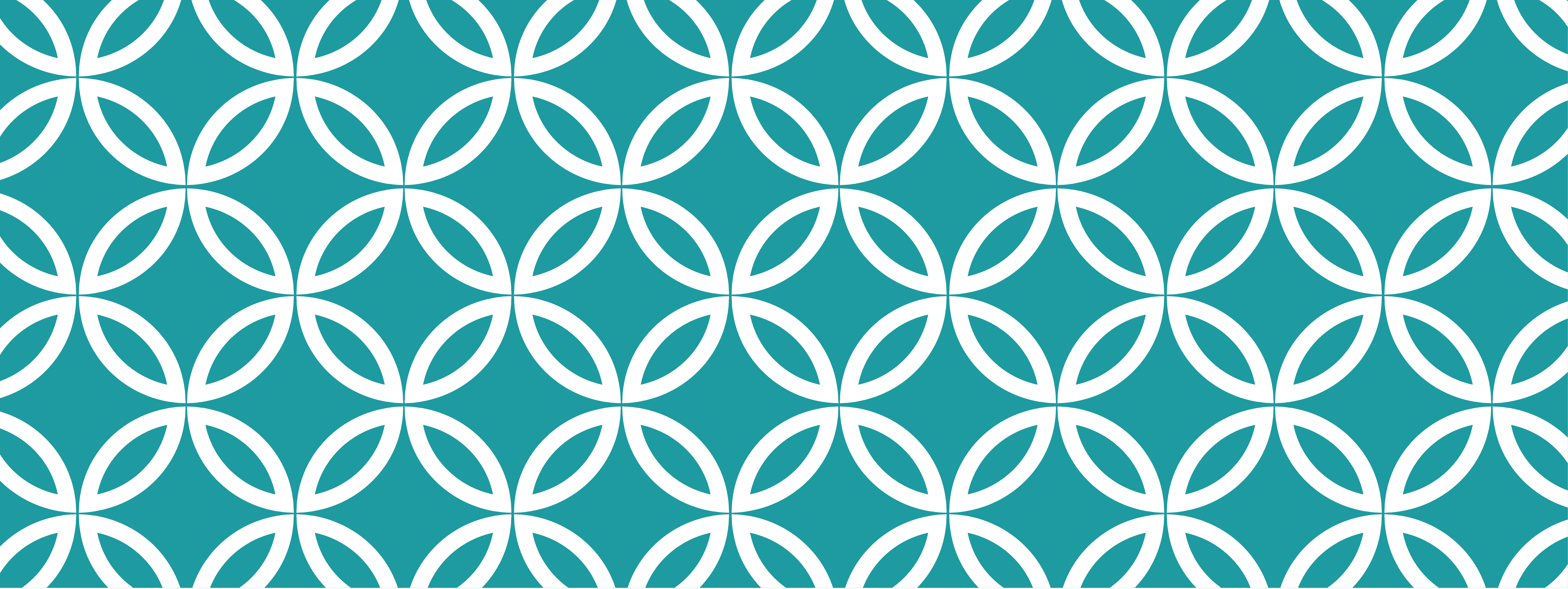
Exclusive: Fears grow that bed shortages have left NHS increasingly reliant on independent sector

- [‘I thought she’d be safe’: a life lost to suicide in a place meant for recovery](#)

**Denis Campbell and Anna Bawden**

Sun 24 Apr 2022 15.00 BST





# THE CULTURE





# RISK MANAGEMENT

2 treatment models:

- **Old** (May 2011 – April 2015)
  - Risk Containment
- **New** (May 2015 – Present)
  - Autonomy





# ISSUE: FEAR

## Staff

- Complexity
  - Ignorance
- Death
  - Legal system
  - Media
- Security
  - Career
  - Reputation
- Burn-out

## Patient

- Death
- Disability
- Life-sentence
- Loss of support





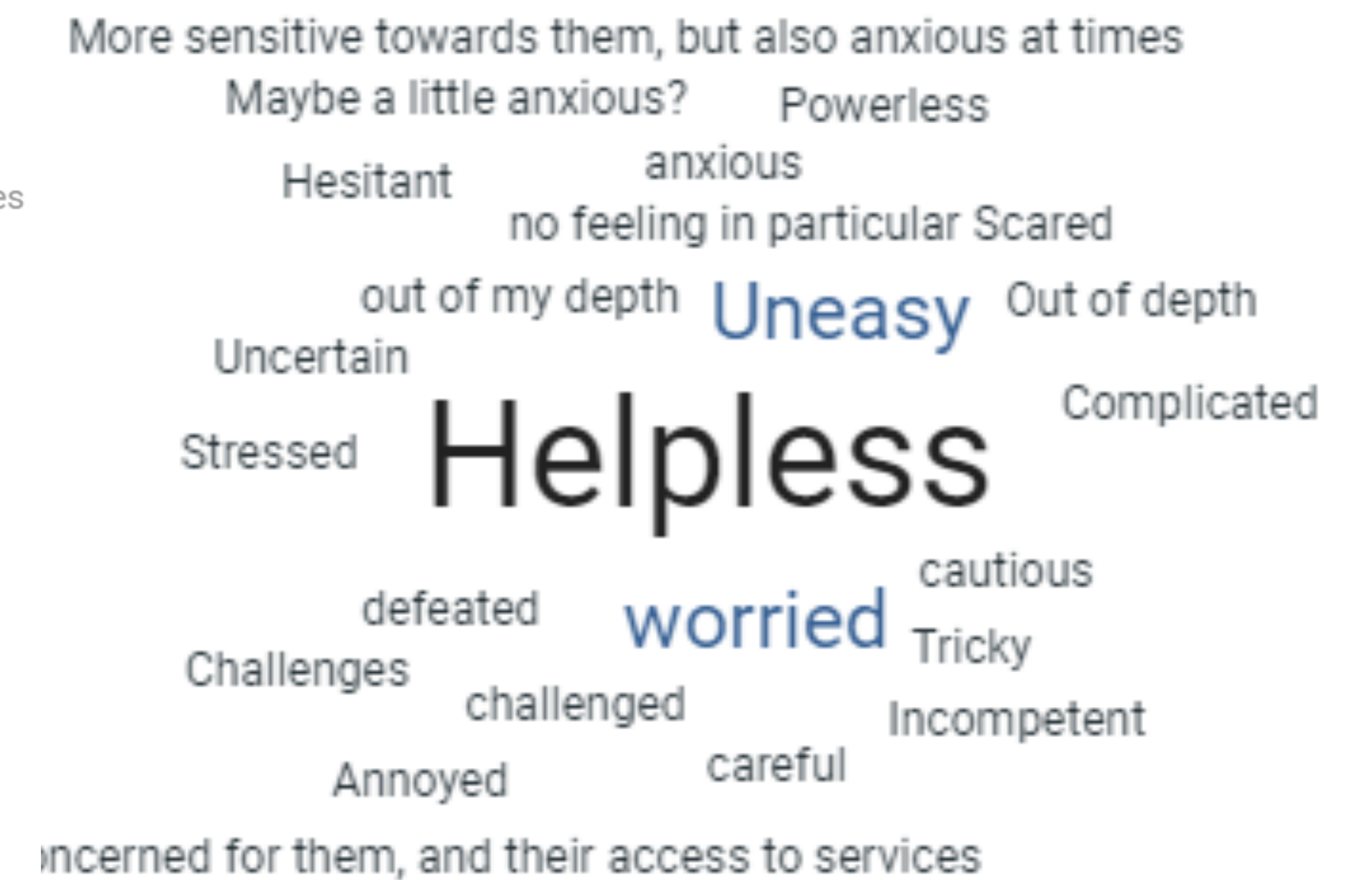
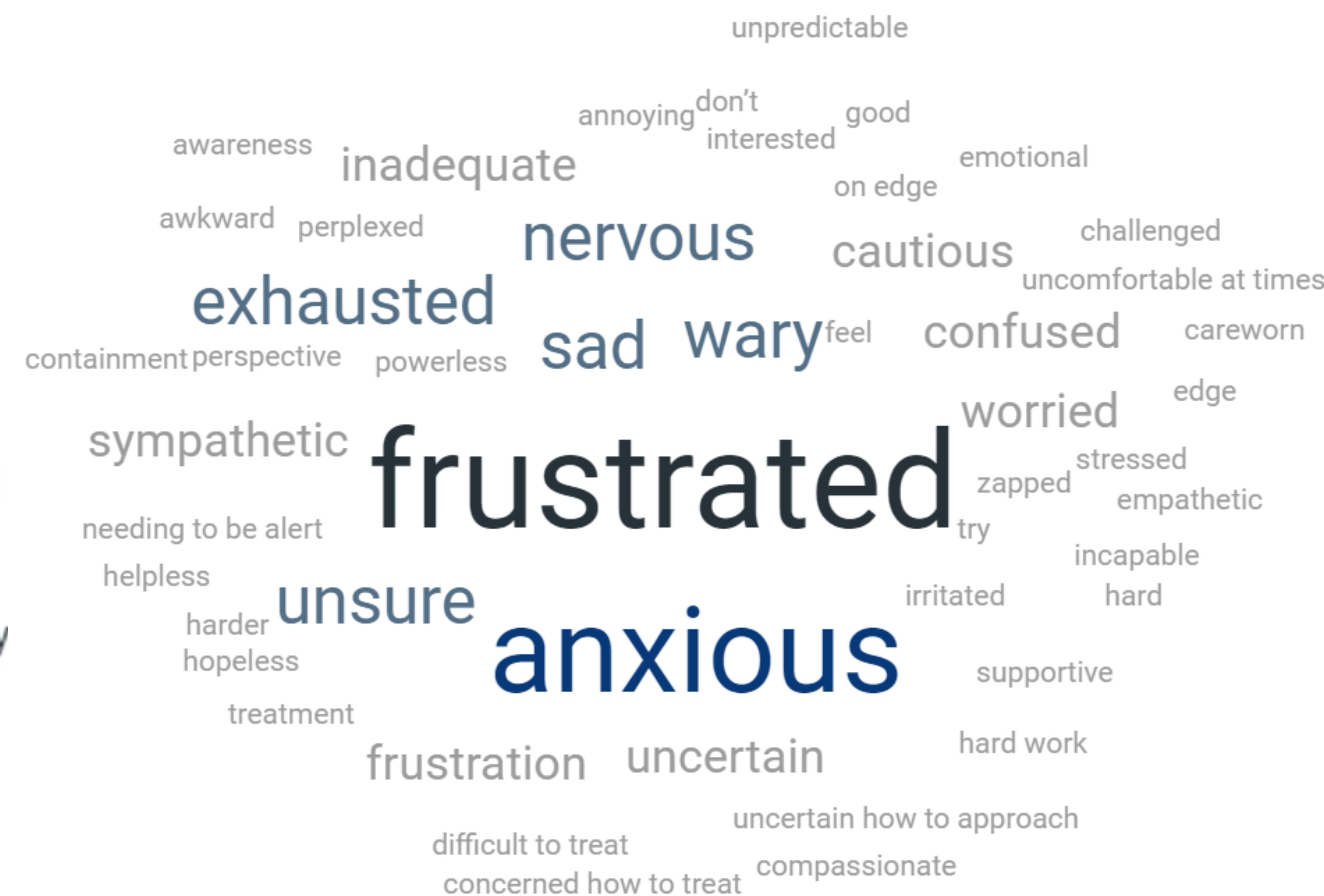
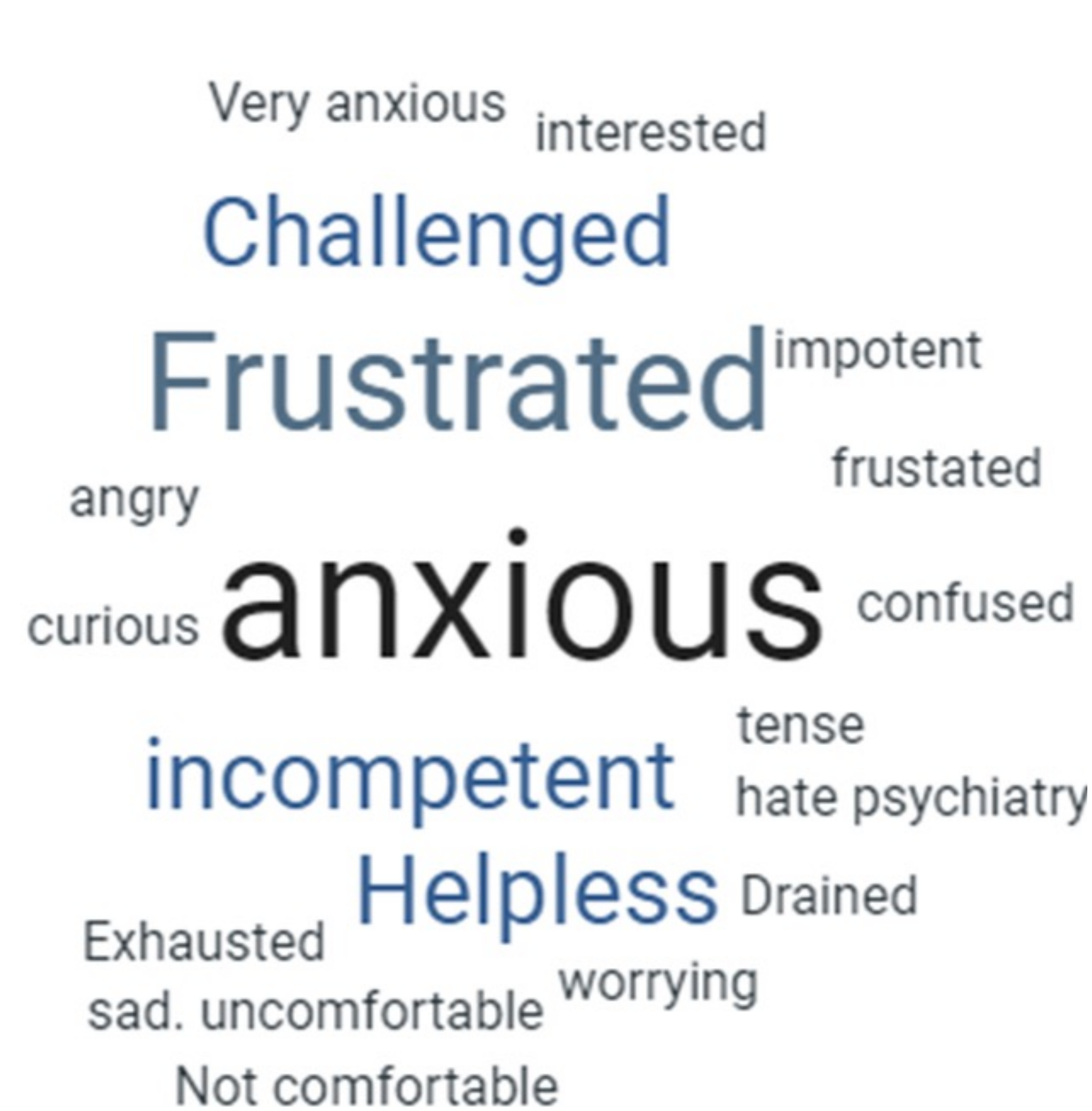
# HOW DO PEOPLE WITH A PERSONALITY DISORDER MAKE YOU FEEL?

61 pharmacists.

18 psychiatrists  
(consultants and trainees)  
November 2020

10th Annual International  
Psychiatric Pharmacy Conference.

29 GPs and staff in primary care  
15.03.2021





# LIFE EXPECTANCY

> J Psychosom Res. 2012 Aug;73(2):104-7. doi: 10.1016/j.jpsychores.2012.05.001. Epub 2012 May 26.

## Life expectancy at birth and all-cause mortality among people with personality disorder

Marcella Lei-Yee Fok <sup>1</sup>, Richard D Hayes, Chin-Kuo Chang, Robert Stewart, Felicity J Callard, Paul Moran

Affiliations + expand

PMID: 22789412 DOI: 10.1016/j.jpsychores.2012.05.001

### Abstract

**Objective:** It is well established that serious mental illness is associated with raised mortality, yet few studies have looked at the life expectancy of people with personality disorder (PD). This study aims to examine the life expectancy and relative mortality in people with PD within secondary mental health care.

**Methods:** We set out to examine this using a large psychiatric case register in southeast London, UK. Mortality was obtained through national mortality tracing procedures. In a cohort of patients with a primary diagnosis of PD (n=1836), standardised mortality ratios (SMRs) and life expectancies at birth were calculated, using general population mortality statistics as the comparator.

**Results:** Life expectancy at birth was 63.3 years for women and 59.1 years for men with PD-18.7 years and 17.7 years shorter than females and males respectively in the general population in England and Wales. The SMR was 4.2 (95% CI: 3.03-5.64) overall; 5.0 (95% CI: 3.15-7.45) for females and 3.5 (95% CI: 2.17-5.47) for males. The highest SMRs were found in the younger age groups for both genders.

**Conclusion:** People with PD using mental health services have a substantially reduced life expectancy, highlighting the significant public health burden of the disorder.

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192	<a href="#">Chad</a>	55.17	56.65	53.73
193	<a href="#">Central African</a>	54.36	56.58	52.16



# Mental Health Act Statistics, Annual Figures - 2020-21

Official statistics, National statistics

**Publication Date:** 26 Oct 2021  
**Geographic Coverage:** England  
**Geographical:** Mental Health Trusts, NHS Trusts, Independent Sector Health Care  
**Granularity:** Transformation Partnerships  
**Date Range:** 01 Apr 2014 to 31 Mar 2021

The number of people reported in the MHSDS as subject to the Act at each month-end<sup>8</sup> has increased from 13,628 on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016 to 20,494 on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. This compares to 25,577 people recorded in the last annual publication sourced from the KP90 (on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016).





# MAKE SOME RULES

Ward opens

- -> some rules

-> incident happens

- -> people get into trouble
- -> 'risk assessment'
- -> new rules
- -> new incidents....





# THE (UNWRITTEN) RULES AT SPRINGBANK

## Smoking hours

- 9:30am (if all awake) - 11:00pm

## Leave

- Returning to the ward from leave by 9pm
- No leave after 11pm
- No holidays

## Access

- Rooms are locked in daytime hours.
- Visiting hours

## Plastic cutlery and crockery

## No alcohol





# RISK CONTAINMENT MODEL (2011 -2015)

## Therapies

- Medication
- **Dialectical Behaviour Therapy**
- Occupational Therapy
- Seclusion
- Exercise
- Physiotherapy



Containment      Autonomy

## Delivery

- **Excellent NHS staff**
- MHA
- Locked ward
- Restricted items
- Personal searches
- Restricted leave
- Punishment / Reward approach
- Observation levels
- Physical restraint & rapid tranquilisation
  - 'Adverse adulthood experiences!'



# RISK CONTAINMENT

**Goal:** *keep person alive*

For acute modifiable risks

In-patient treatment

MHA



**Containment**

**Autonomy**

## Assumptions

- Hospitals are safer
- Patients/SUs lack capacity

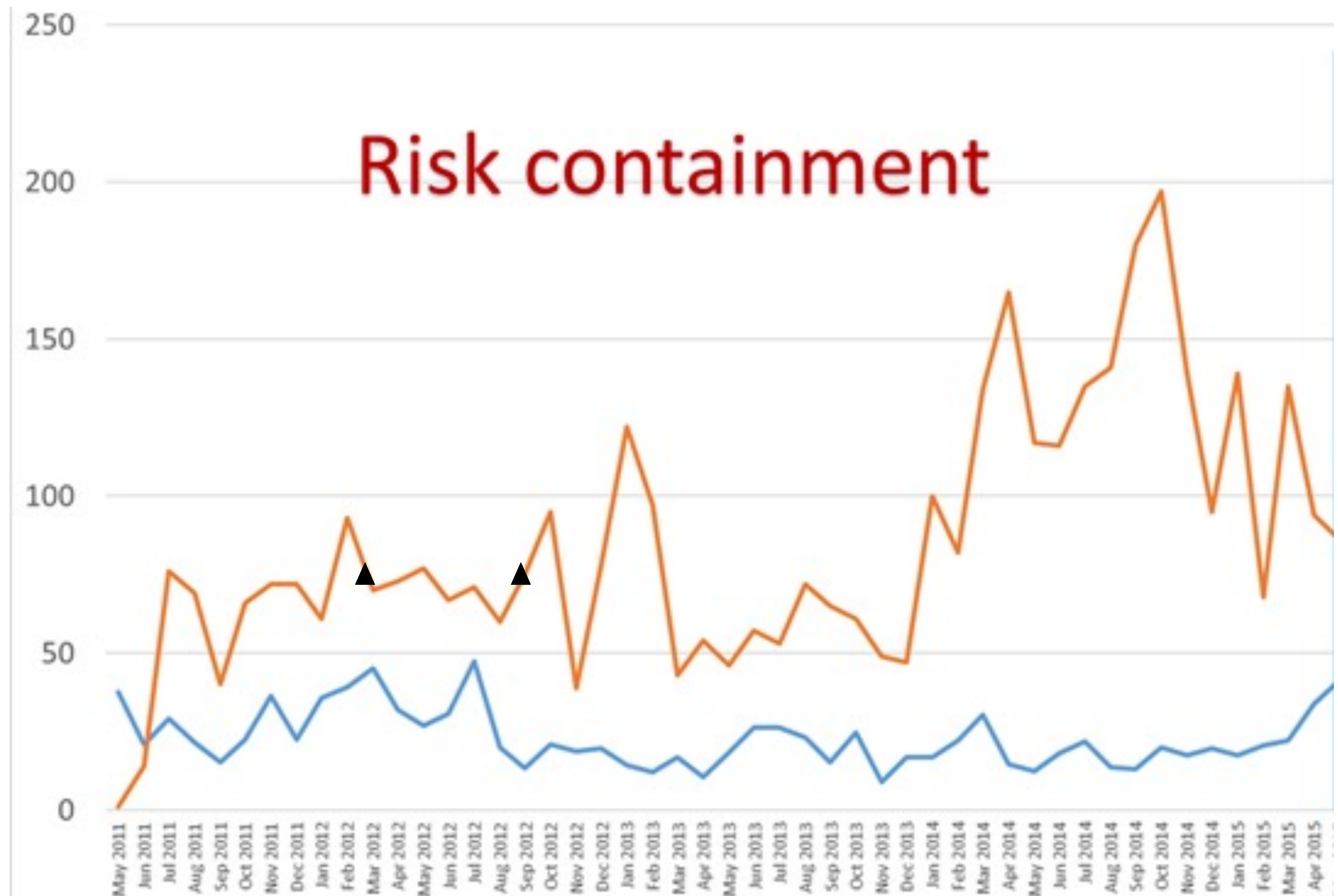
## Pros:

- “Feels safe”
- Short-term benefit

## Cons:

- “Feels wrong”
- Promotes dependence





Year	Physical intervention	Rapid tranquilisation
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— M1-M3 (average) — Spring



# EXPERIENCE

## Incidents

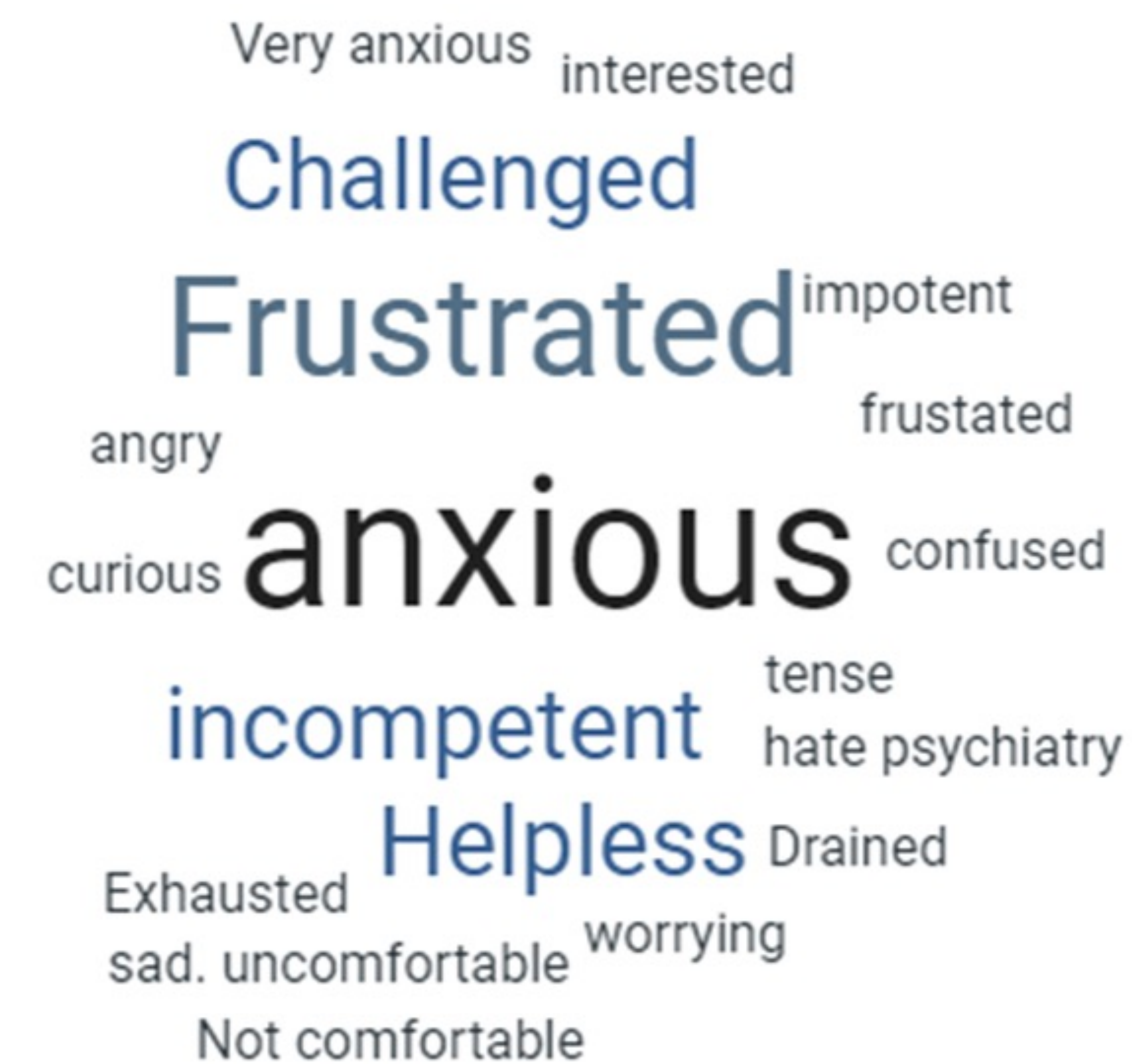
- Daily alarms
- Regular physical interventions
- Frequent injuries

## Staff vacancies

- High turn-around
- 7 consultants in 4 years

## Ward Reputation

- Difficult place to work
- Difficult group of patients
- Students not allowed





# AMBITION

Reduce incidents

Improve safety

Improve patient and staff experience





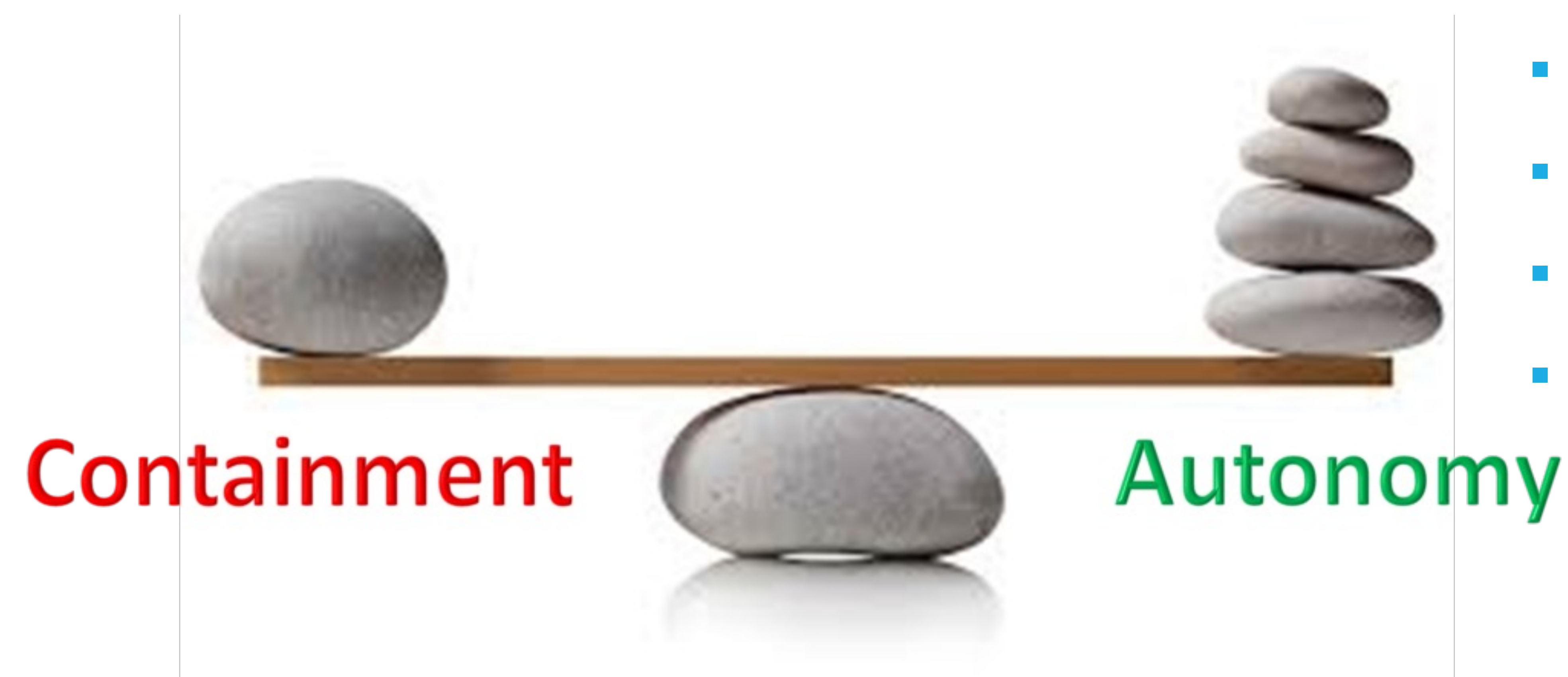
# NEW SPRINGBANK MODEL (2015 – 2021)

## Therapies

- Medication
- **Dialectical Behaviour Therapy**
- Occupational Therapy
- Sensory integration
- Exercise
- Physiotherapy

## Delivery

- **Excellent NHS Staff**
- Least-restrictive approach
  - MHA avoided
- **Capacity is assumed**
  - Even in crises
- Recovery focus
- Patient centred care
- **Positive-risk-taking**
- **Shared-decision making**
- **Shared values**
- **Co-production**
- Distributed leadership
- Therapeutic community





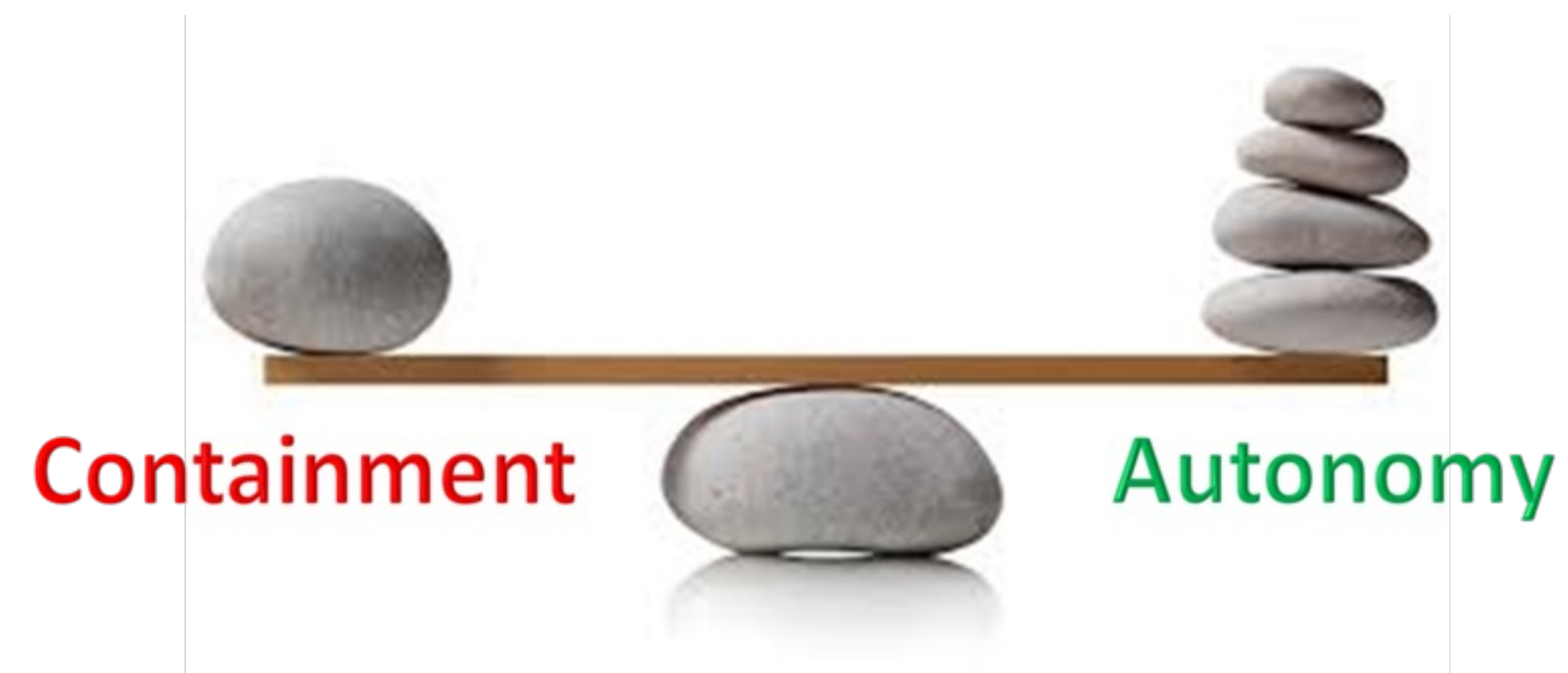
# POSITIVE RISK TAKING

**Goal:** *Enable people to manage and enjoy life*

Looks at long-term risks and opportunities

Requirements:

- Clear formulation
- Detailed history
- Good relationships
- Communication with relatives
- Organisational support





# POSITIVE RISK TAKING

Assumes no risk-free option

Assumes capacity

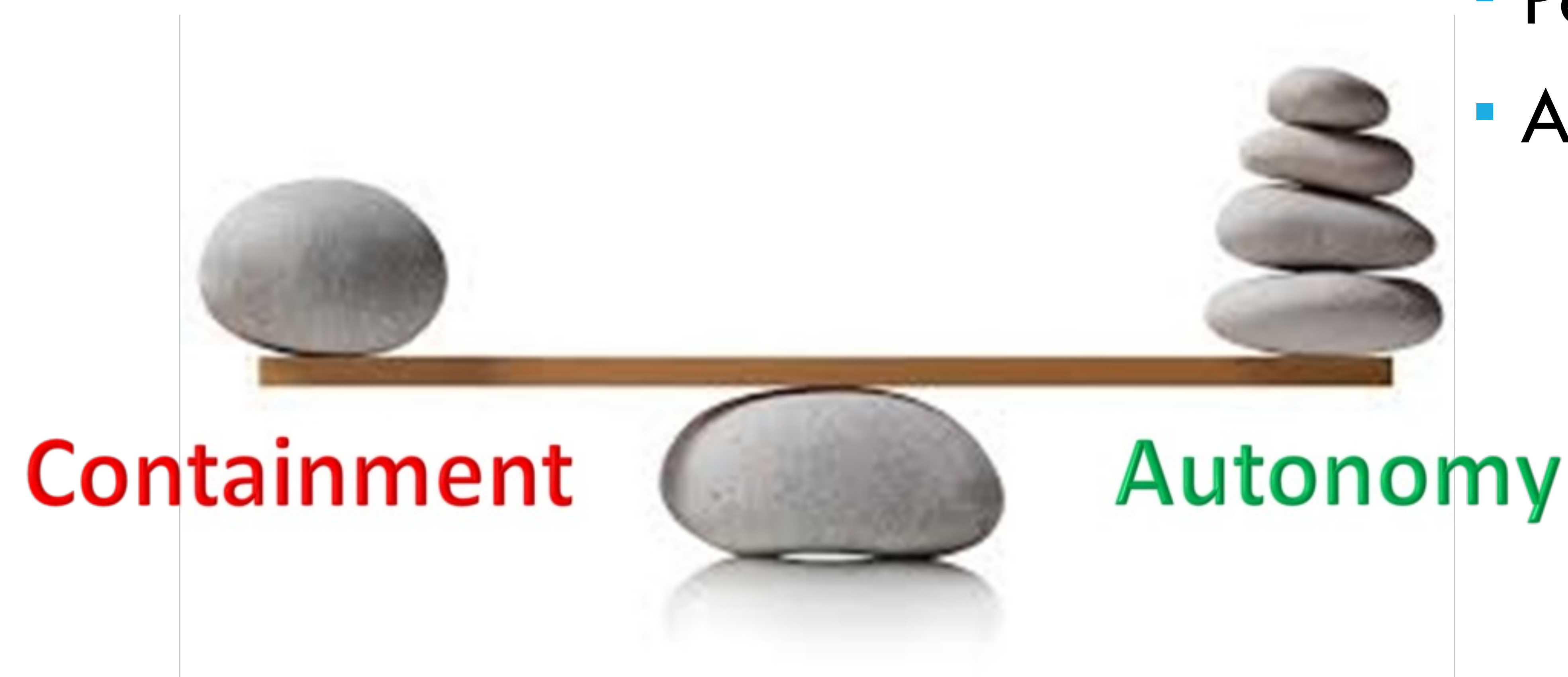
Assumes chronic risk

## Pros:

- Promotes autonomy
- Long-term benefits
- “Feels right”

## Cons:

- Short-term risks
- Perceived as neglect
- Anxiety-provoking





In order to achieve this aim..

We need to ensure...

Which requires...

Ideas to ensure this happens

# MULTIPLE INITIATIVES

**Reduce incident numbers and restraint**

Improve the ward environment

Improve the ward programme

Improve relationships on the ward

Reduce restrictive practices

Train staff

Have an agreed model

Evaluate the programme

Alternative activities

Increase staff wellbeing

Increase patient wellbeing

Stop rules

Agree and agree values (respect, recovery, and safety)

End the use of the MHA

DBT Training for all staff

Co-produce the timetable

Develop electronic system for gathering data

Camping, poetry night, beach trips, astronomy dept, holidays, etc...

Prioritise supervision and reflection

Away days and social events

Co-produce a discharge plan



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### ~~No alcohol~~

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# Values

that guide us

## Respect

- Be honest with staff
- Quiet if smoking at night
- Quiet returning from leave late

## Recovery

- Attend ward programme
- Co-produce the programme
- Leave that is meaningful
- Plan discharge

## Safety

- Drink in moderation
- Keys to rooms
- Normal cutlery and crockery





# KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING

## Staff nurturing

- Clinical Supervision
- Reflective Practice
- Case discussions
- Educational activities
- Away days

## As a result:

- Increased recruitment
- Increased retention



# THE TEAM





# POSITIVE RISK TAKING

Removal of long-term observations

Resisting pressures from 'above' to avoid risk.

Removal of sections of the MHA

Allowing patients to leave the ward at any point

Constant team discussions

**Great things  
never came  
from comfort  
zones.**

raimeta@barcelona





# IT IS TRICKY

## Courtyard next to Grand Arcade is evacuated because of police incident

Police moved members of the public away from Fisher Square next to Carluccio's and the Grand Arcade



BY ANNA SAVVA

19:23, 16 MAY 2017 | UPDATED 19:30, 16 MAY 2017

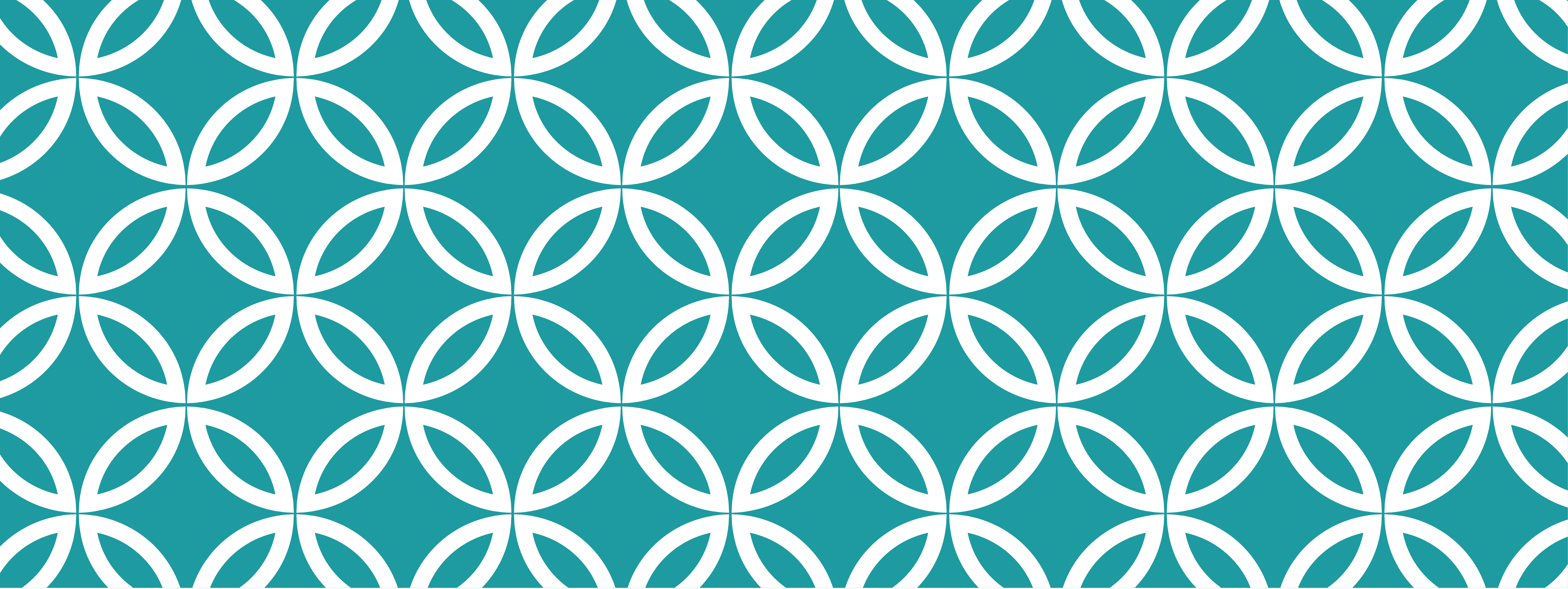


The unidentified woman was spotted on the roof of the Grand Arcade car park

Shoppers were evacuated from the courtyard next to the Grand Arcade after a woman was spotted clinging to a nearby roof.

Police officers cordoned off the area around Carluccio's in Fisher Square at around 6.30pm to deal with the incident and moved away members of the public.





# OUTCOMES





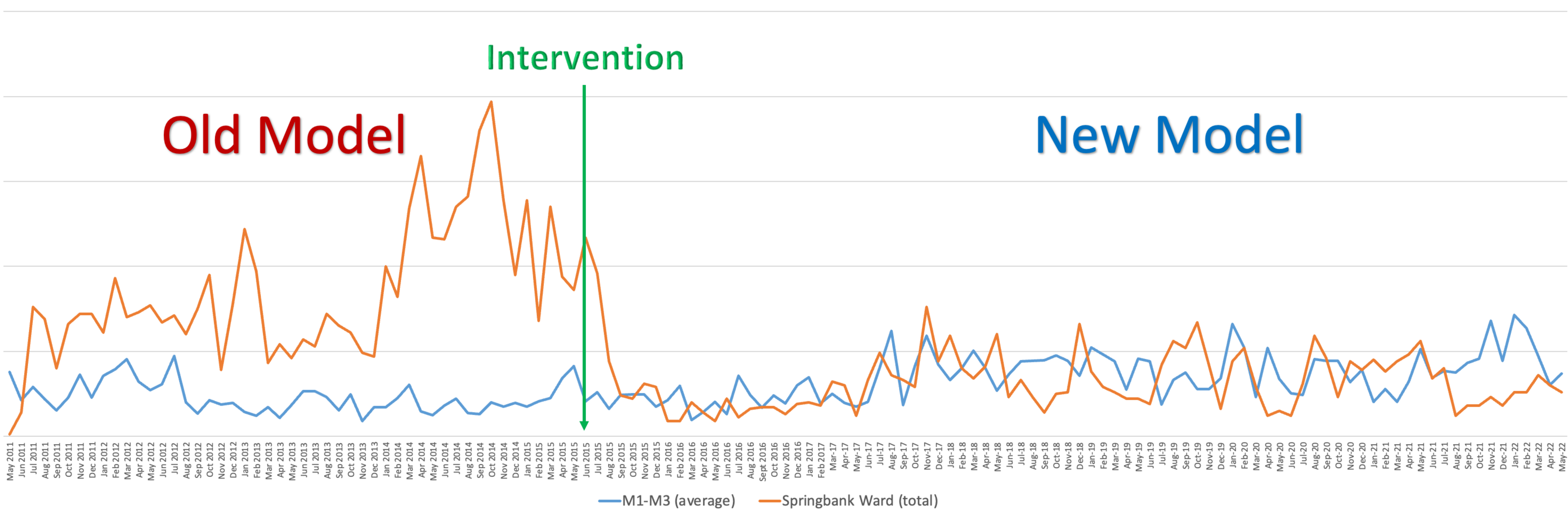
# INCIDENTS

Springbank Ward incidents compared to local wards  
(May 2011 - May 2022)

Intervention

Old Model

New Model





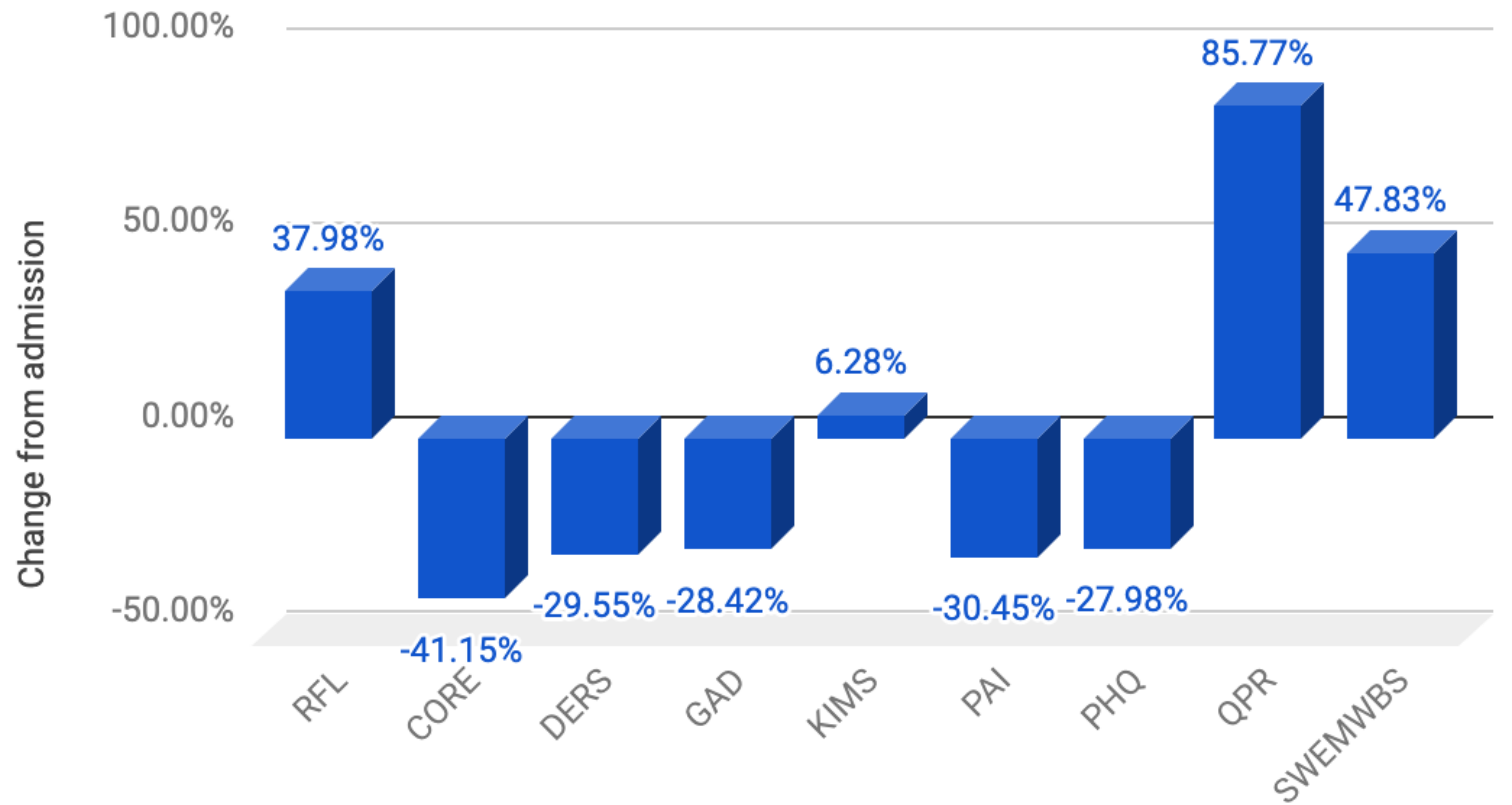
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2022	0	0



# DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE

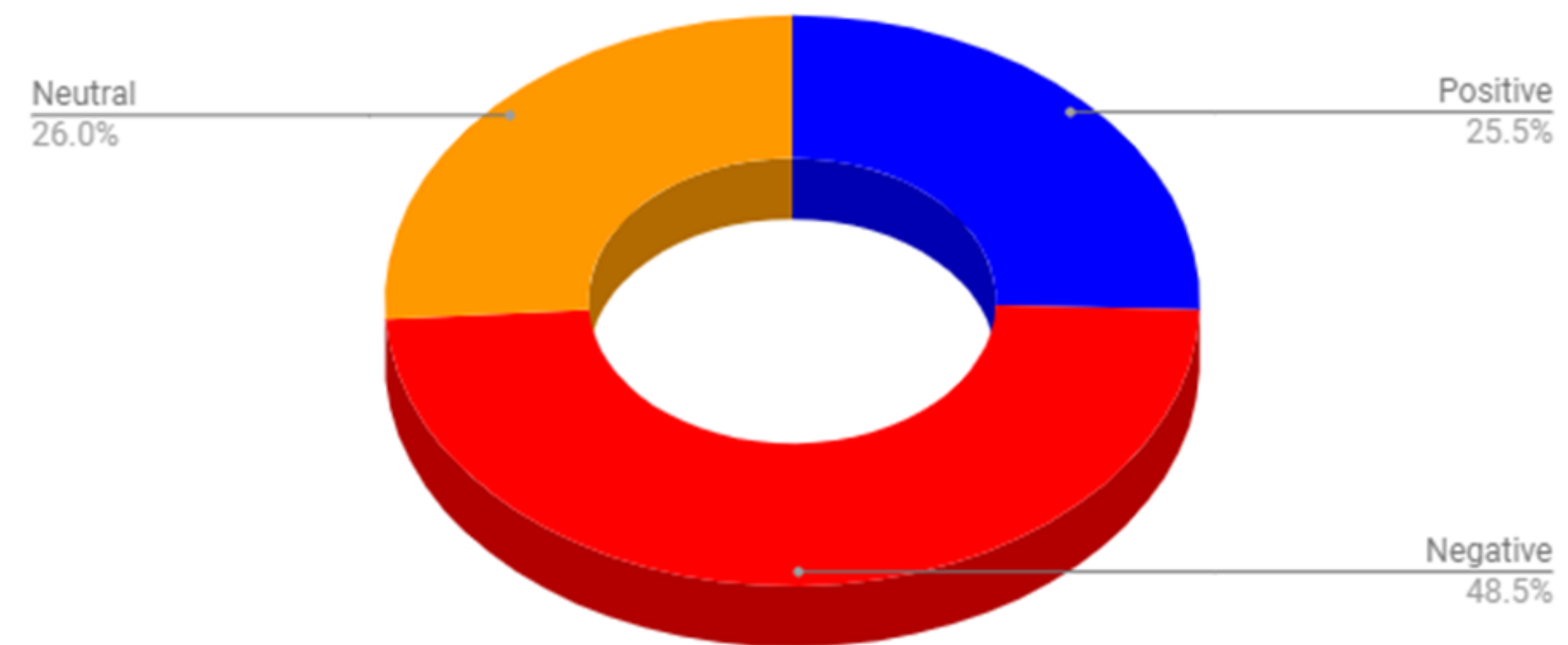
Outcome Measure Results (2016 - 2022)



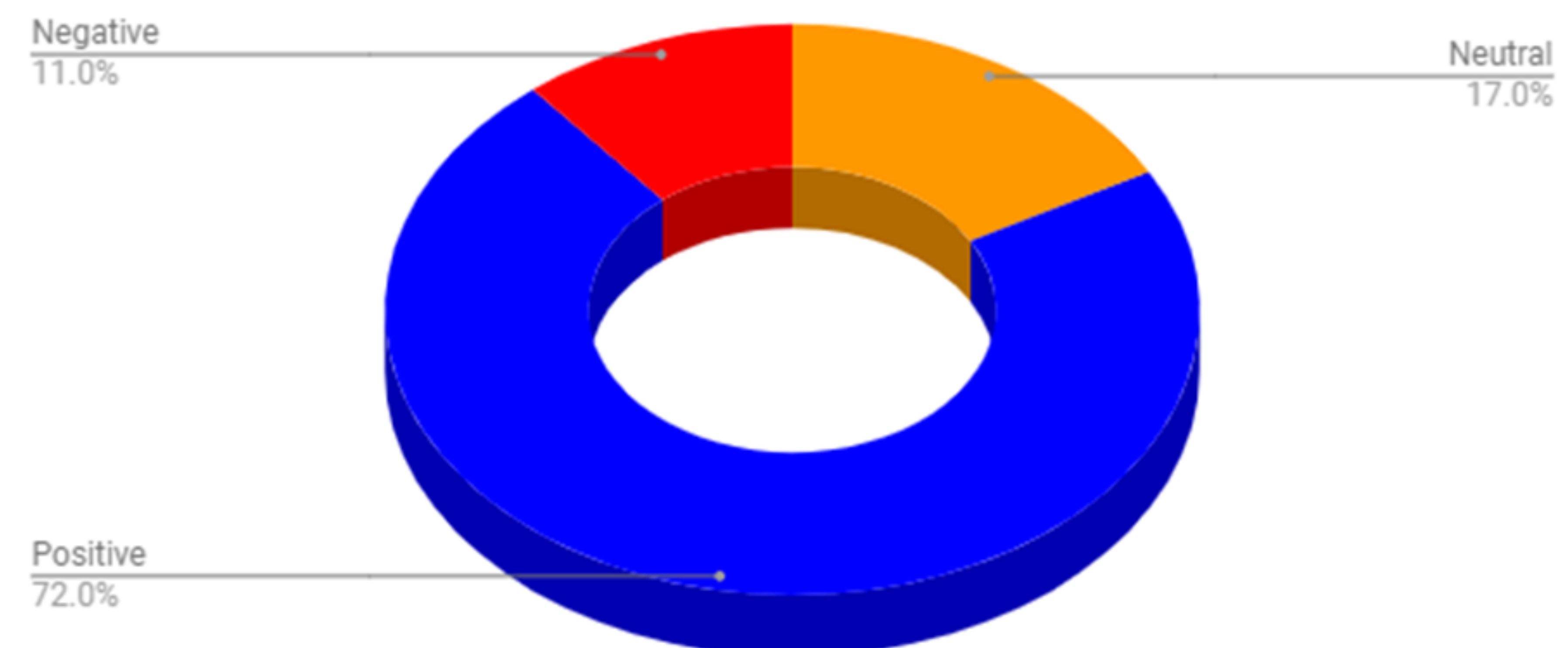


# PATIENT EXPERIENCE

Old model survey comments (n = 198)



New model survey comments (n = 200)

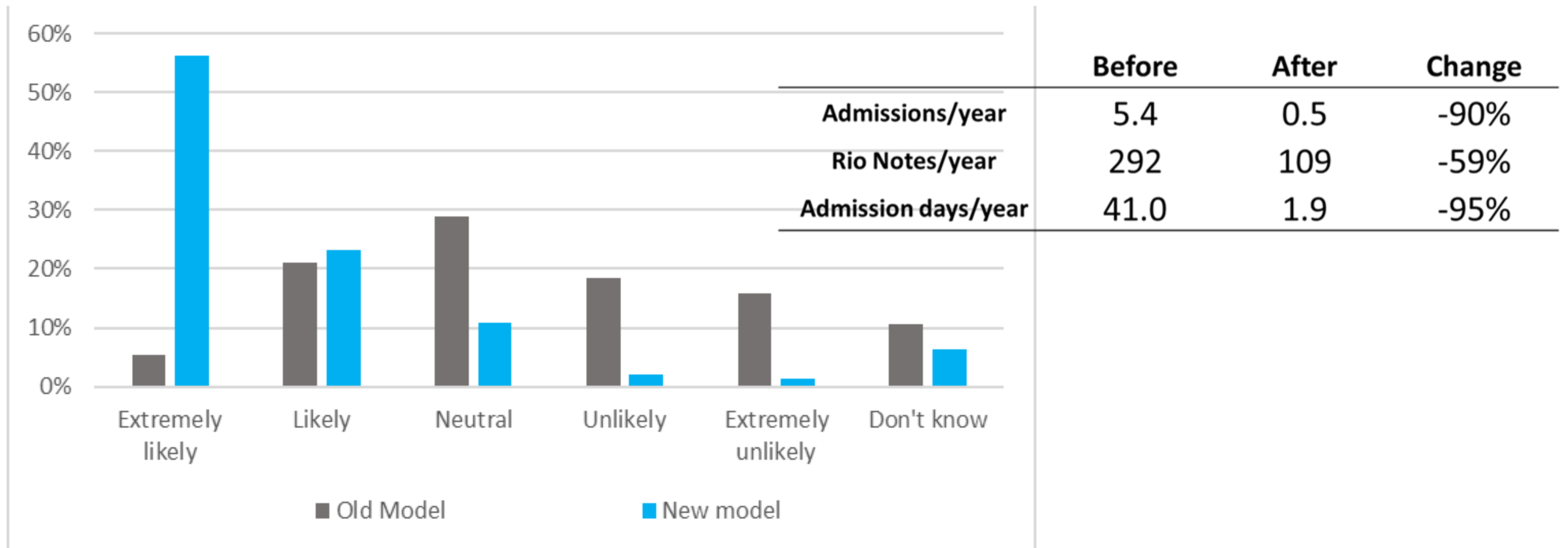




# PATIENT EXPERIENCE

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Winner: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough FT - Abolishing restrictive interventions at Springbank Ward, specialist personality disorder unit

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# PUBLICATIONS

► [Psychiatr Danub.](#) 2019 Sep;31(Suppl 3):626-631.

## Attitudes towards a borderline personality disorder unit – a small-scale qualitative survey

[Jakub Nagrodzki](#)<sup>1</sup>, [Jorge Zimbron](#)

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PMID: 31488804

## Rethinking Risk Assessments in a Borderline Personality Disorder Unit: Patient and Staff Perspectives

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### Case Report

## Treatment of Severe Emotionally Unstable Personality Disorder with Comorbid Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and Functional Neurological Disorder in an Inpatient Setting: A Case for Specialist Units without Restrictive Interventions

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# INSIGHTS

Constant reflection about own behaviour

Co-production and constant change

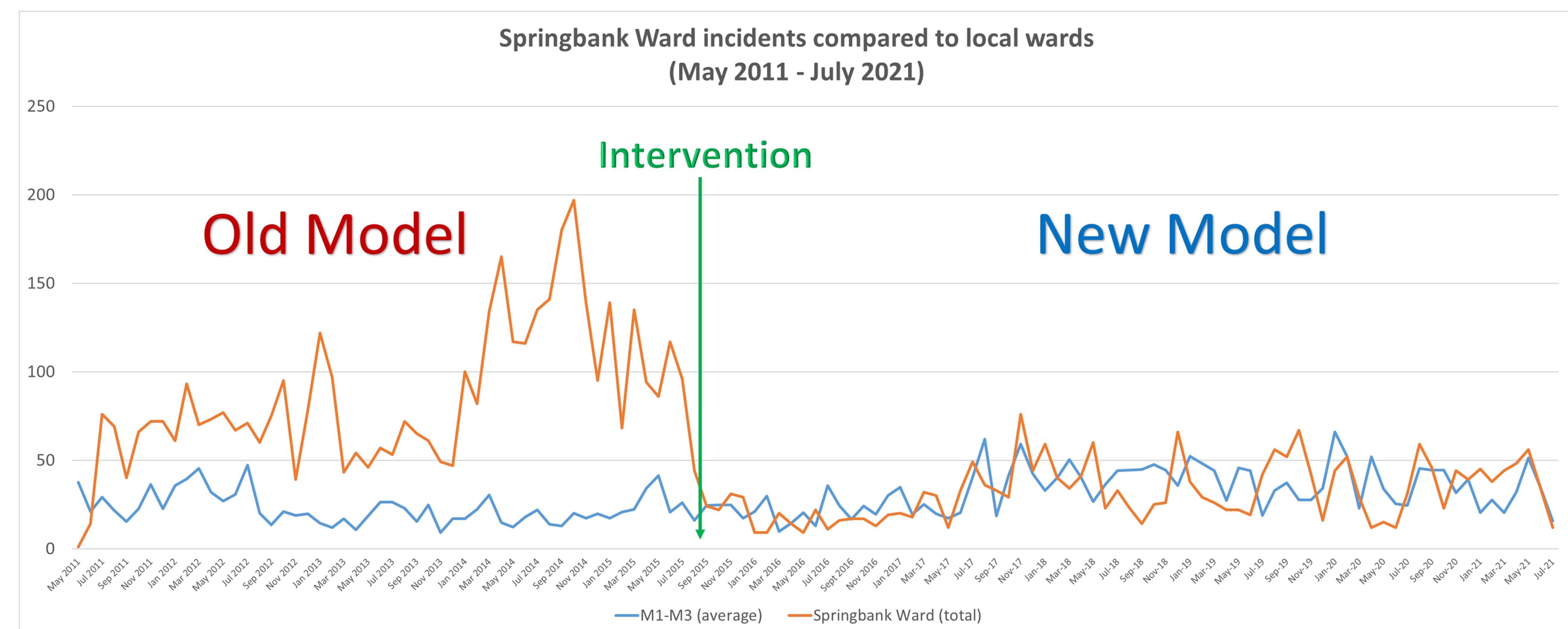
Multi-disciplinary approach as a community

Values and clear boundaries

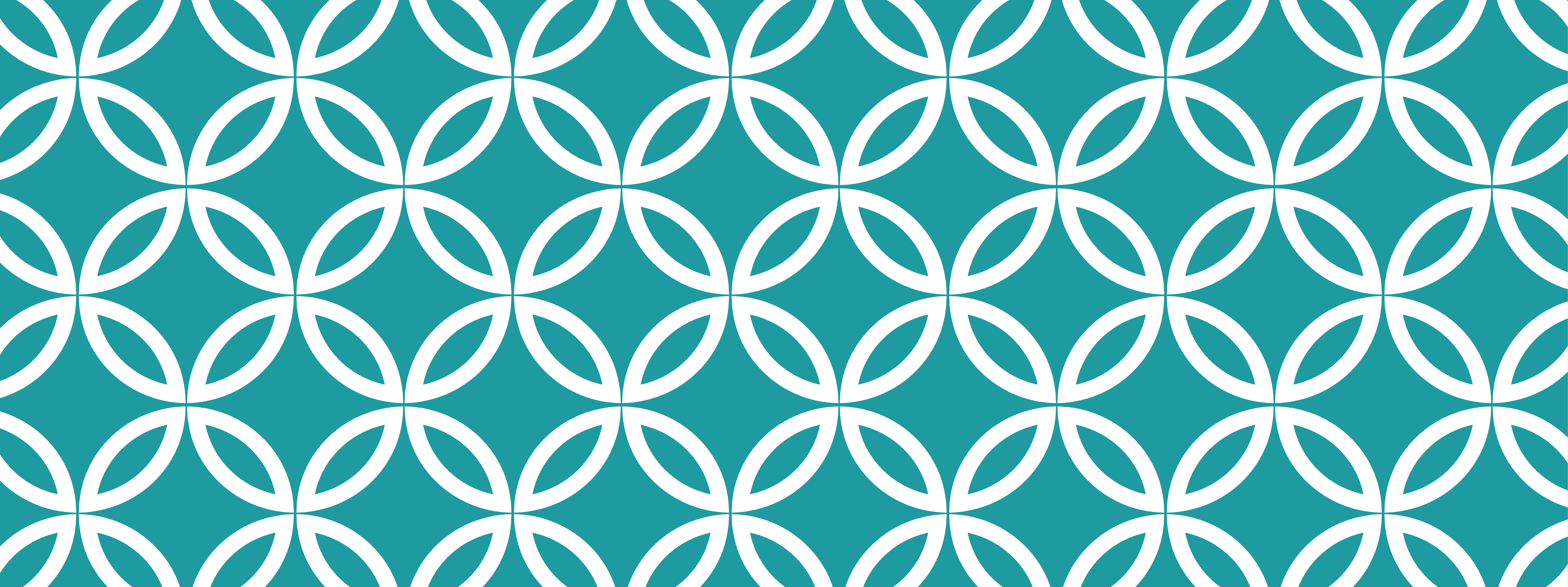
- Not rules

Courage, empathy, and compassion

- Safer than risk containment







# SPRINGBANK PARALLELS





# INPATIENT TRIALS

## RCT 1999

- Partial hospitalization vs TAU
- N=38

## 18m programme

Improvements in symptoms, self-harm, suicide attempts, inpatient days, function in inpatient group.

## Ongoing improvement after 18m

### Effectiveness of Partial Hospitalization in the Treatment of Borderline Personality Disorder: A Randomized Controlled Trial

Anthony Bateman, M.A., F.R.C.Psych. and Peter Fonagy, Ph.D., F.B.A.

**OBJECTIVE:** This study compared the effectiveness of partial hospitalization with standard psychiatric care for patients with borderline personality disorder, dia either to a partially hospitalized group or to a standard psychiatric care group in a randomized controlled design. Treatment, which included inpatient care, lasted for a maximum of 18 months. Outcome measures included self-harm, the number and duration of inpatient admissions, service utilization, and self-reported measures of depression, anxiety, general symptom distress, interpersonal functioning, and social adjustment. Data analysis used repeated measures analysis of variance. Patients who were partially hospitalized showed significantly better outcomes in contrast to the control group, which showed limited improvement in depressive symptoms, a decrease in inpatient days, and better social and interpersonal functioning at 18 months. **CONCLUSIONS:** Psychoanalytically oriented partial hospitalization is superior to standard psychiatric care for patients with borderline personality disorder groups, but these results suggest that partial hospitalization

1999; 156:1563-1569  
<https://doi.org/10.1176/ajp.156.10.1563>

### Treatment of Borderline Personality Disorder With Psychoanalytically Oriented Partial Hospitalization: An 18-Month Follow-Up

Anthony Bateman, M.A., F.R.C.Psych. and Peter Fonagy, Ph.D., F.B.A.

**OBJECTIVE:** The aim of this study was to determine whether the substantial gains made by patients with borderline personality disorder following completion of a psychoanalytically oriented partial hospitalization program, in comparison to patients treated with standard psychiatric care, were maintained over an 18-month follow-up period. **METHOD:** Forty-four patients who participated in the original study were assessed every 3 months after completion of the treatment phase. Outcome measures included frequency of suicide attempts and acts of self-harm, number and duration of inpatient admissions, service utilization, and self-reported measures of depression, anxiety, general symptom distress, interpersonal functioning, and social adjustment. **RESULTS:** Patients who completed the partial hospitalization program not only maintained their substantial gains but also showed a statistically significant continued improvement on most measures in contrast to the patients treated with standard psychiatric care, who showed only limited change during the same period. **CONCLUSIONS:** The superiority of psychoanalytically oriented partial hospitalization over standard psychiatric treatment found in a previous randomized, controlled trial was maintained over an 18-month follow-up period. Continued improvement in social and interpersonal functioning suggests that longer-term changes were stimulated.

2001; 158:36-42  
<https://doi.org/10.1176/appi.ajp.158.1.36>



# INPATIENT TRIALS

Controlled trial 2004

Inpatient DBT for 3 months vs waiting list

N=50 women

Significant improvements in symptoms, self-harm, and functioning in the inpatient group.



Behaviour Research and Therapy 42 (2004) 487–499

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Effectiveness of inpatient dialectical behavioral therapy  
for borderline personality disorder: a controlled trial

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# INPATIENT TRIALS

Case series

N=50

Inpatient DBT for 3 months

15m f/u

Improvements in psychopathology

Shorter communication

Effectiveness of dialectical behaviour therapy for borderline personality disorder in an inpatient setting

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## Abstract

This study evaluates the effectiveness of dialectical behaviour therapy (DBT) for borderline personality disorder (BPD) in an unselected, comorbid population seeking 3-month inpatient treatment. We studied 50 consecutively admitted individuals (44 women, six men) with BPD as defined by DSM-IV at three time points (at admission, at discharge, and at the 15-month follow-up). For the clinical diagnoses, we used the Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-IV (SCID) and compared the frequencies of comorbid axis I and axis II disorders at admission and at the 15-month follow-up. Overall, participants showed a high degree of comorbidity. Psychopathology was significantly reduced at post-treatment and at follow-up. Effect sizes for outcome measures were within the range of those of previous studies. Our findings support the notion that the results of the DBT efficacy research can be generalized to an inpatient setting and to patients with BPD disorder with high comorbidity.



# INPATIENT TRIALS

Case series

N=45

Day patient MBT for 18m

Improvements in psychopathology, functioning, service use, suicide attempts and self-harm.

## Treatment Outcome of 18-Month, Day Hospital Mentalization-Based Treatment (MBT) in Patients with Severe Borderline Personality Disorder in the Netherlands

Dawn Bales, Nicole van Beek, Maaïke Smits, Sten Willemsen, Jan J. V. Busschbach, Roel Verheul and Helene Andrea

Published Online: August 2012 • <https://doi.org/10.1521/pedi.2012.26.4.568>

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### Abstract

Psychoanalytically oriented day hospital therapy, later manualized and named mentalization-based treatment (MBT), has proven to be a (cost-) effective treatment for patients with severe borderline personality disorder and a high degree of psychiatric comorbidity (BPD) in the United Kingdom (UK). As to yet it has not been shown whether manualized day hospital MBT would yield similar results when conducted by an independent institute outside the UK. We investigated the applicability and treatment outcome of 18-month, manualized day hospital MBT in the Netherlands by means of a prospective cohort study with 45 Dutch patients with severe BPD and a high degree of comorbid Axis I and Axis II disorders. Outcomes were assessed each six months. Symptom distress, social and interpersonal functioning, and personality pathology and functioning all improved significantly, with effect sizes between 0.7 and 1.7. Suicide attempts, acts of self-harm, and care consumption were also significantly reduced. The results indicate that MBT can effectively be implemented in an independent treatment institute outside the UK. This study also supports the clinical effectiveness of manualized day hospital MBT in patients with severe BPD and a high degree of psychiatric comorbidity.



# INPATIENT TRIALS

Case series

N=245 vs 220 (reference group)

40 days admission (average)

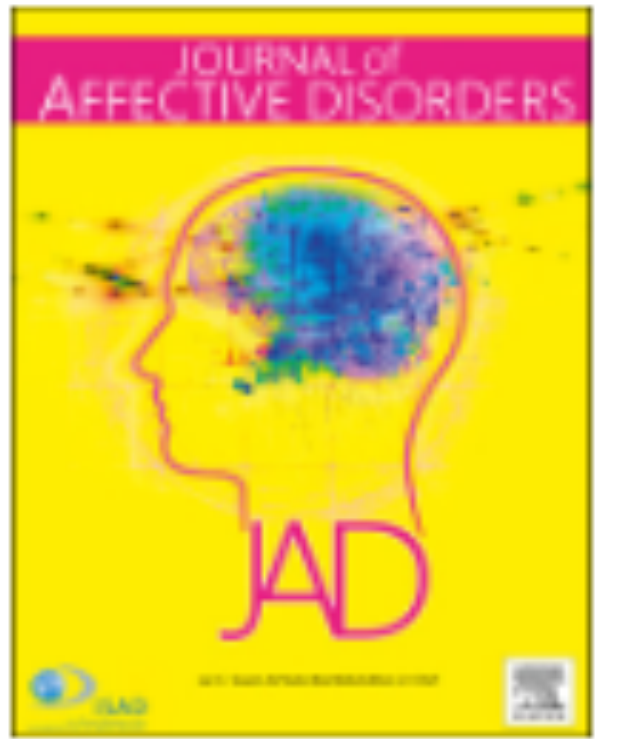
BPD improved at a similar rate than reference group



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Research paper

A naturalistic longitudinal study of extended inpatient treatment for adults with borderline personality disorder: An examination of treatment response, remission and deterioration<sup>☆</sup>

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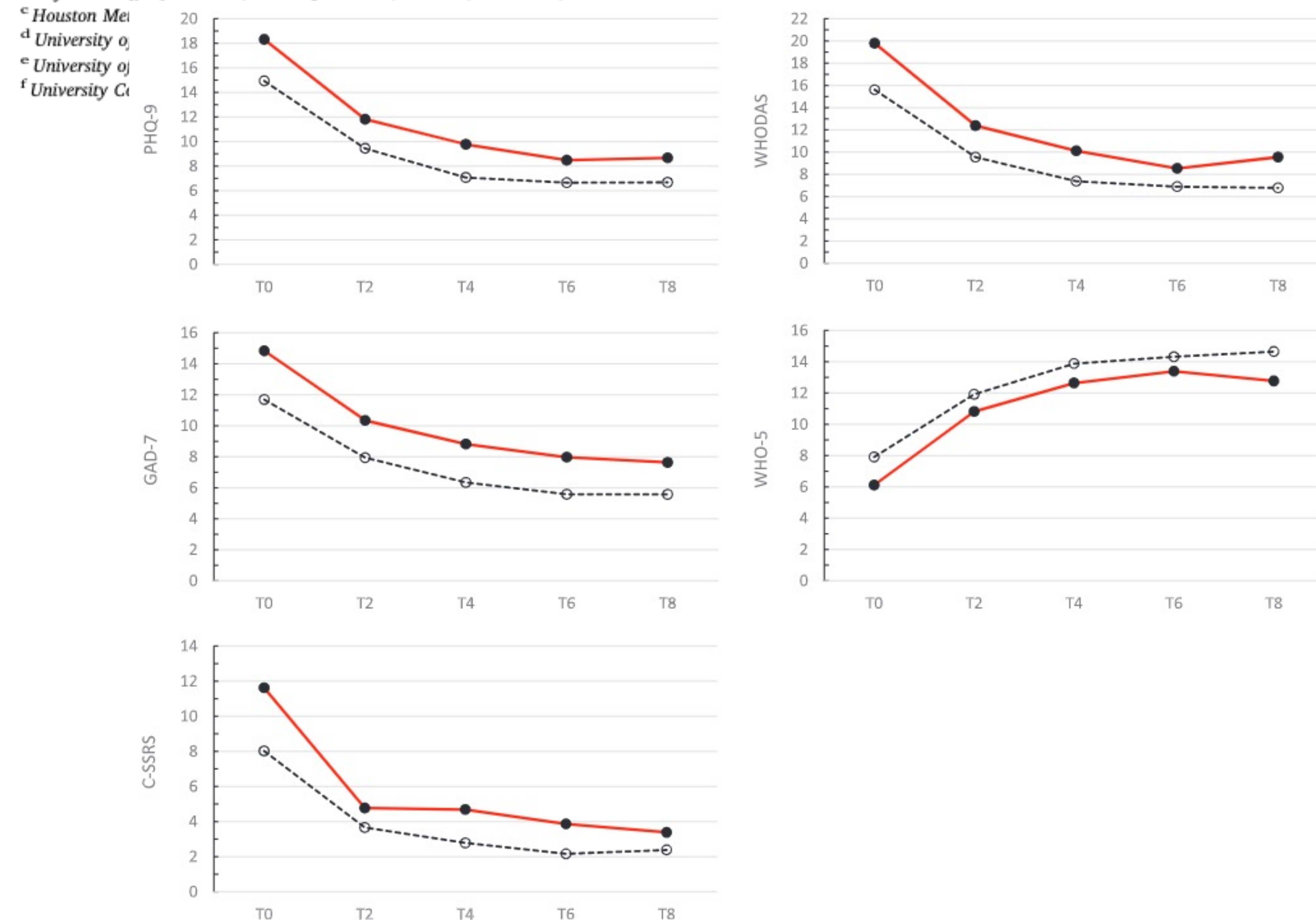


Fig. 1. Observed scores for reference and borderline personality disorder patients. (●—●) Borderline (○- - - -○) Reference Note: PHQ-9 = Patient Health Questionnaire; GAD-7 = Generalized Anxiety Disorder 7-Item Scale; WHODAS = WHO Disability Assessment Schedule 2.0; WHO-5 = WHO Well-Being Index; C-SSRS = Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale – Ideation severity over the previous month.



# SIMILARITIES

High degree of co-morbidity

Use of medication

Non-restrictive environment

No evidence of the use of coercive treatment being helpful.



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# GUIDANCE

## Acknowledge new evidence

- Benefits of specialist inpatient treatment
  - Skills
  - Environment
  - Relationships

## Based on resources

## Research

- Medication



## BORDERLINE PERSONALITY DISORDER

THE NICE GUIDELINE ON TREATMENT AND MANAGEMENT

### Update information

**August 2018:** Recommendation 1.3.6.4. was updated to link to NICE topic pages so readers can easily find related guidance. This change can be seen in the short version at <http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg78>

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## Pharmacological interventions for borderline personality disorder

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### Abstract

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Cochrane 2010

1982 – 2009

28 RCTs

n = 1,742

Support:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen Antipsychotics
- Mood stabilisers
- Omega 3

No support

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gen Antipsychotics
- Antidepressants

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# COCHRANE CONCLUSIONS

## Impulsivity

- Aripiprazole, lamotrigine, **topiramate**

## Anger

- Haloperidol, aripiprazole, lamotrigine, valproate, **topiramate**

## Psychotic symptoms

- Aripiprazole (not many tested)

## Depression

- **Aripiprazole**, topiramate, amitriptyline

## Anxiety

- Aripiprazole, **topiramate**

## General pathology

- **Aripiprazole**, topiramate

## Self-harm

- Nil (olanzapine worsens)

Poor results for emptiness, identity disturbance, abandonment.



# THE SYSTEM

Acknowledge the problem

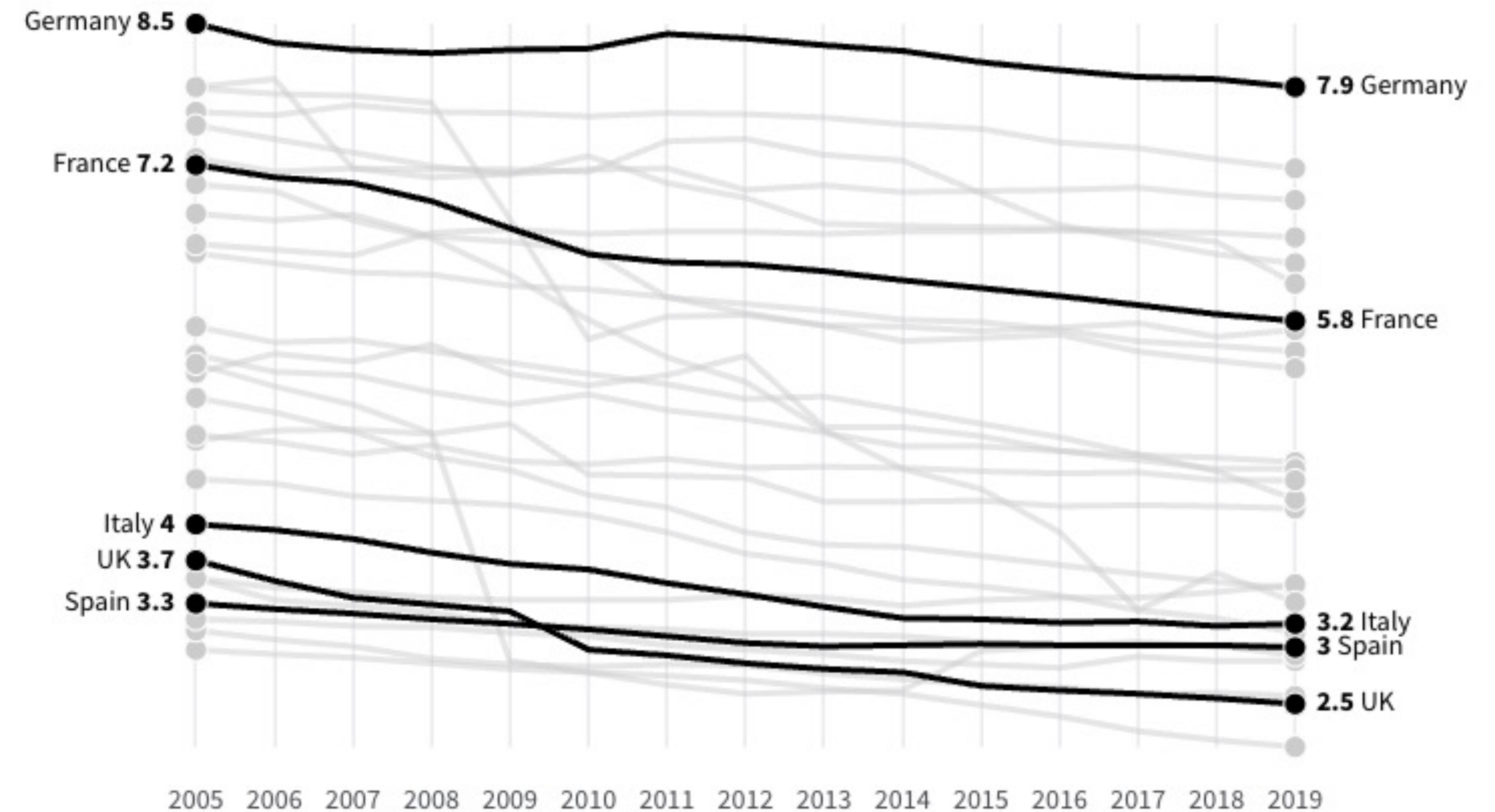
Design inpatient services for  
“personality disorder”

Develop specialist “PD” unit service  
specifications

Invest in the NHS

Monitor outcomes

Figure 6 The UK has fewer hospital beds than most comparable countries  
Total hospital beds per 1,000 inhabitants



Source: [Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development \(OECD\)](#).  
Data is for 2019 or most recent year (2018 for United States). Total hospital beds includes curative care (or acute) beds,  
rehabilitative care beds, long-term care beds and other beds in hospitals.



# THE CULTURE

Stop restrictive interventions in personality disorder

- No evidence of benefit

Acknowledge fear and don't give in

Train staff

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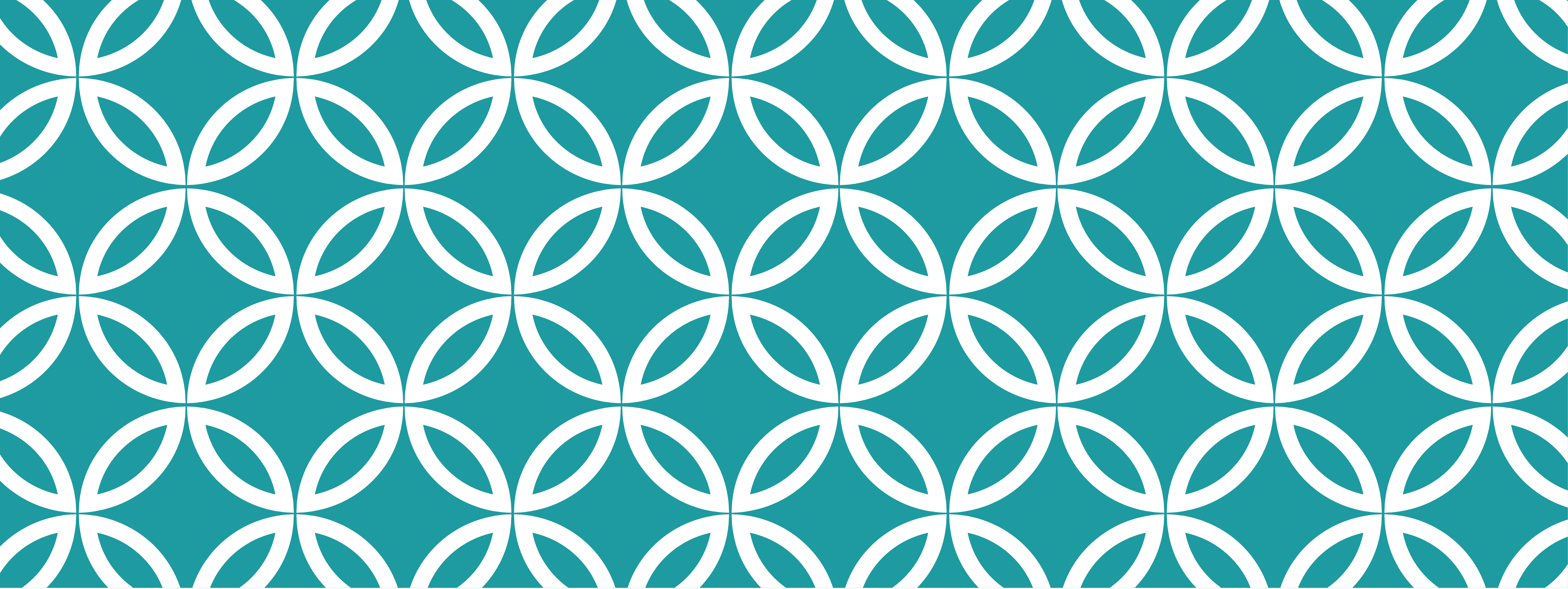
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### Abstract

Attempted suicide and deliberate self-harm are common and challenging presentations in the emergency department. A proportion of these patients refuse interventions and this presents the clinical, legal, and ethical dilemma as to whether treatment should be provided against their will. Multiple factors influence this decision. It is difficult to foresee the multitude and magnitude of complications that can arise once it has been decided to treat individuals who do not consent. This case illustrates a particularly





## **HELPFUL FACTS & TIPS**



# MYTH: RISK PREDICTION

We cannot predict risk at an individual level

For every completed suicide there are 200 attempts.

March 13, 2019

## Prediction Models for Suicide Attempts and Deaths A Systematic Review and Simulation

Bradley E. Belsher, PhD<sup>1,2</sup>; Derek J. Smolenski, PhD, MPH<sup>1</sup>; Larry D. Pruitt, PhD<sup>1</sup>; [et al](#)

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*JAMA Psychiatry.* 2019;76(6):642-651. doi:10.1001/jamapsychiatry.2019.0174

### Key Points

**Question** Have advances in statistical modeling improved the predictive validity of suicide prediction algorithms sufficiently to render their predictions actionable?

**Findings** In this systematic review of 17 studies including 64 unique suicide prediction models, the models had good overall classification and low positive predictive values. Use of these models would result in high false-positive rates and considerable false-negative rates if implemented in isolation.

**Meaning** At present, the performance of suicide prediction models suggests that they offer limited practical utility in predicting suicide mortality.

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### The utility of artificial intelligence in suicide risk prediction and the management of suicidal behaviors

Trehani M Fonseka , Venkat Bhat, Sidney H Kennedy

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### Abstract

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# PREVALENCE

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## Prevalence of personality disorders in the general adult population in Western countries: systematic review and meta-analysis

Jana Volkert  <sup>(a1)</sup>, Thorsten-Christian Gablonski <sup>(a2)</sup> and Sven Rabung <sup>(a3)</sup> 

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1192/bjp.2018.202> Published online by Cambridge University Press: 28 September 2018

### Abstract

#### Background

Personality disorder is a severe health issue. However, the epidemiology of personality disorders is insufficiently described and surveys report very heterogeneous rates.

#### Aims

We aimed to conduct a meta-analysis on the prevalence of personality disorders in adult populations and examine potential moderators that affect heterogeneity.

#### Method

We searched PsycINFO, PSYINDEX and Medline for studies that used standardised diagnostics (DSM-IV/-5, ICD-10) to report prevalence rates of personality disorders in community populations in Western countries. Prevalence rates were extracted and aggregated by random-effects models. Meta-regression and sensitivity analyses were performed and publication bias was assessed.

#### Results

The final sample comprised ten studies, with a total of 113 998 individuals. Prevalence rates were fairly high for any personality disorder (12.16%; 95% CI, 8.01–17.02%) and similarly high for DSM Clusters A, B and C, between 5.53 (95% CI, 3.20–8.43%) and 7.23% (95% CI, 2.37–14.42%). Prevalence was highest for obsessive-compulsive personality disorder (4.32%; 95% CI, 2.16–7.16%) and lowest for dependent personality disorder (0.78%; 95% CI, 0.37–1.32%). A low prevalence was significantly associated with expert-rated assessment (versus self-rated) and reporting of descriptive statistics for antisocial personality disorder.

#### Conclusions

Epidemiological studies on personality disorders in community samples are rare, whereas prevalence rates are fairly high and vary substantially depending on samples and methods. Future studies investigating the epidemiology of personality disorders based on the DSM-5 and ICD-11 and models of personality functioning and traits are needed, and efficient treatment should be a priority for healthcare systems to reduce disease burden.

#### Declaration of interest

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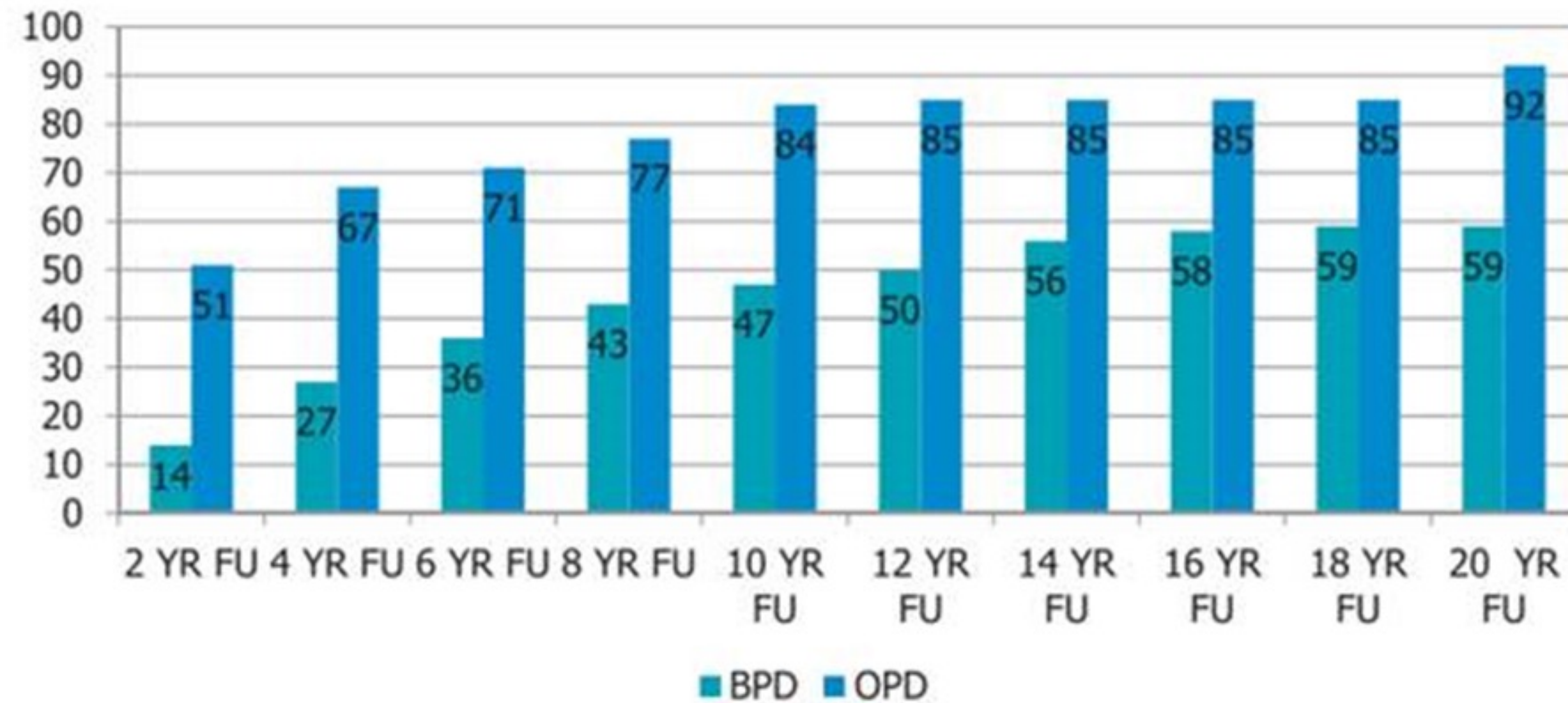


Fig. 1. Cumulative rates of good recovery over 20 years.

“Good recovery” is defined as global assessment of functioning above 61, minimal symptoms, and the ability to work, study and have meaningful relationships.

Zanarini, Mary C., Christina M. Temes, Frances R. Frankenburg, D. Bradford Reich, and Garrett M. Fitzmaurice. ‘Description and Prediction of Time-to-Attainment of Excellent Recovery for Borderline Patients Followed Prospectively for 20 Years’. *Psychiatry Research* 262 (2018): 40–45.  
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# 3 THINGS TO DO

## Listen

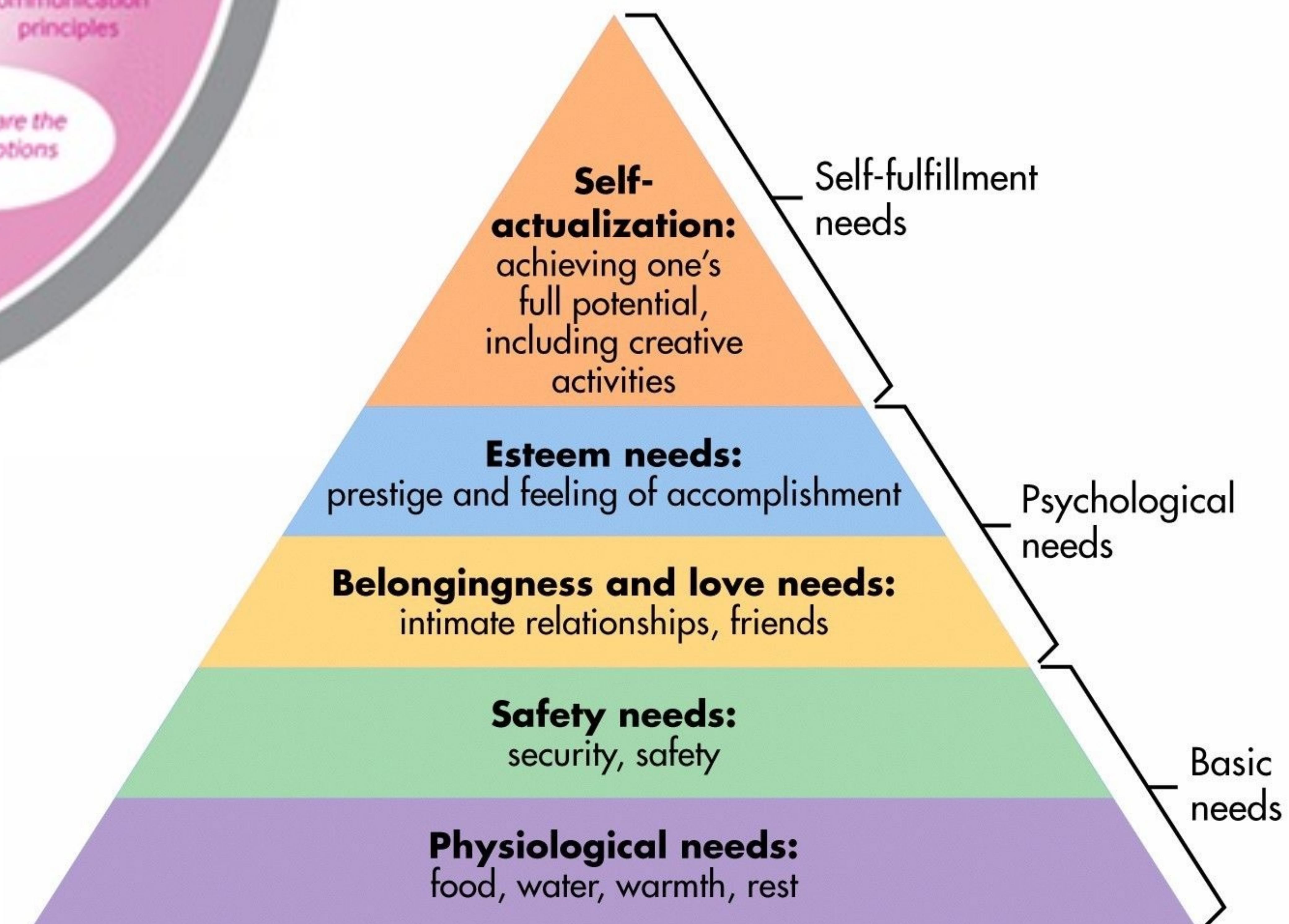
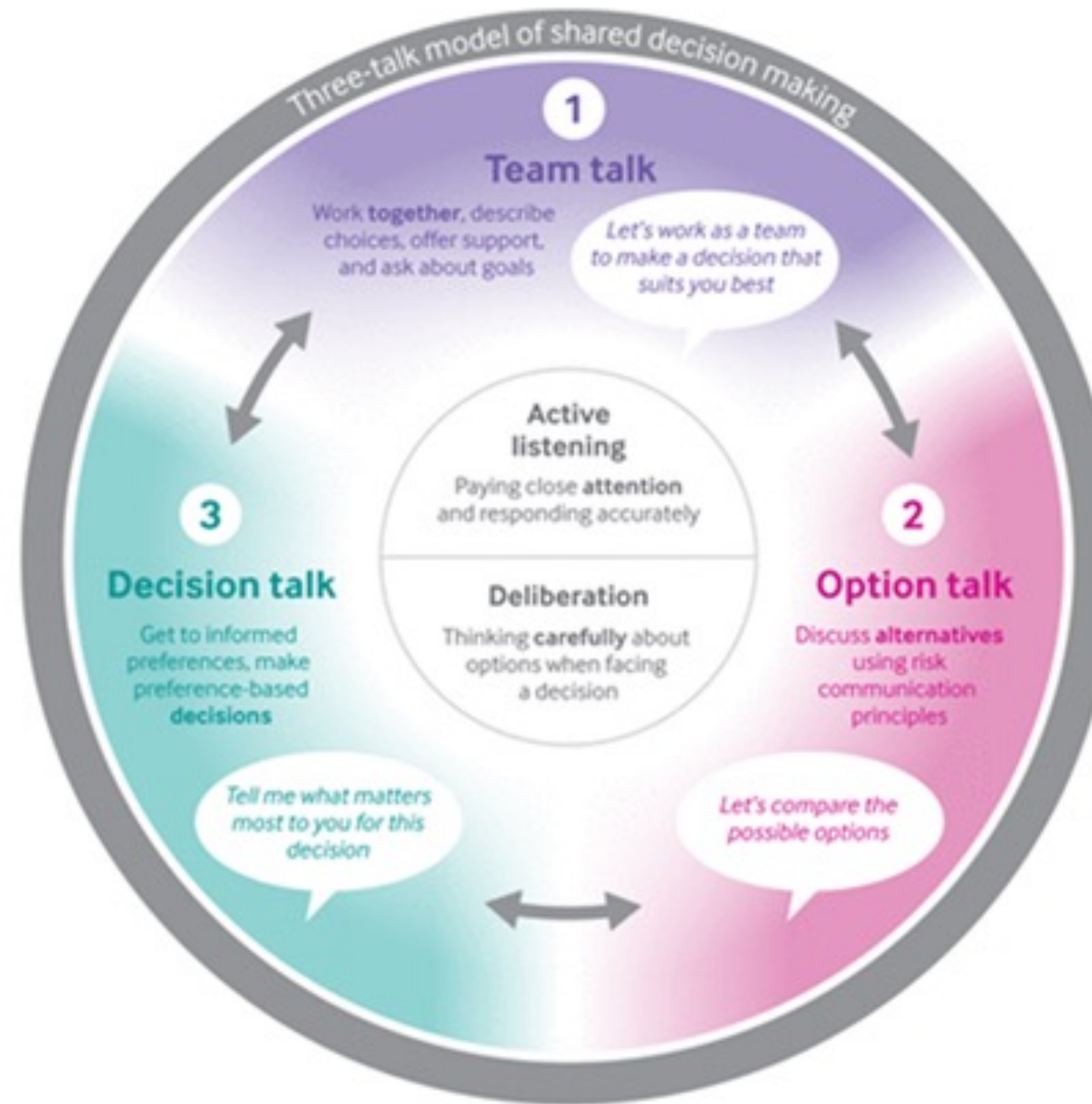
- Build Trust

## Contain

- Belongingness

## Teach

- What would you do?





# 3 THINGS THAT HELP

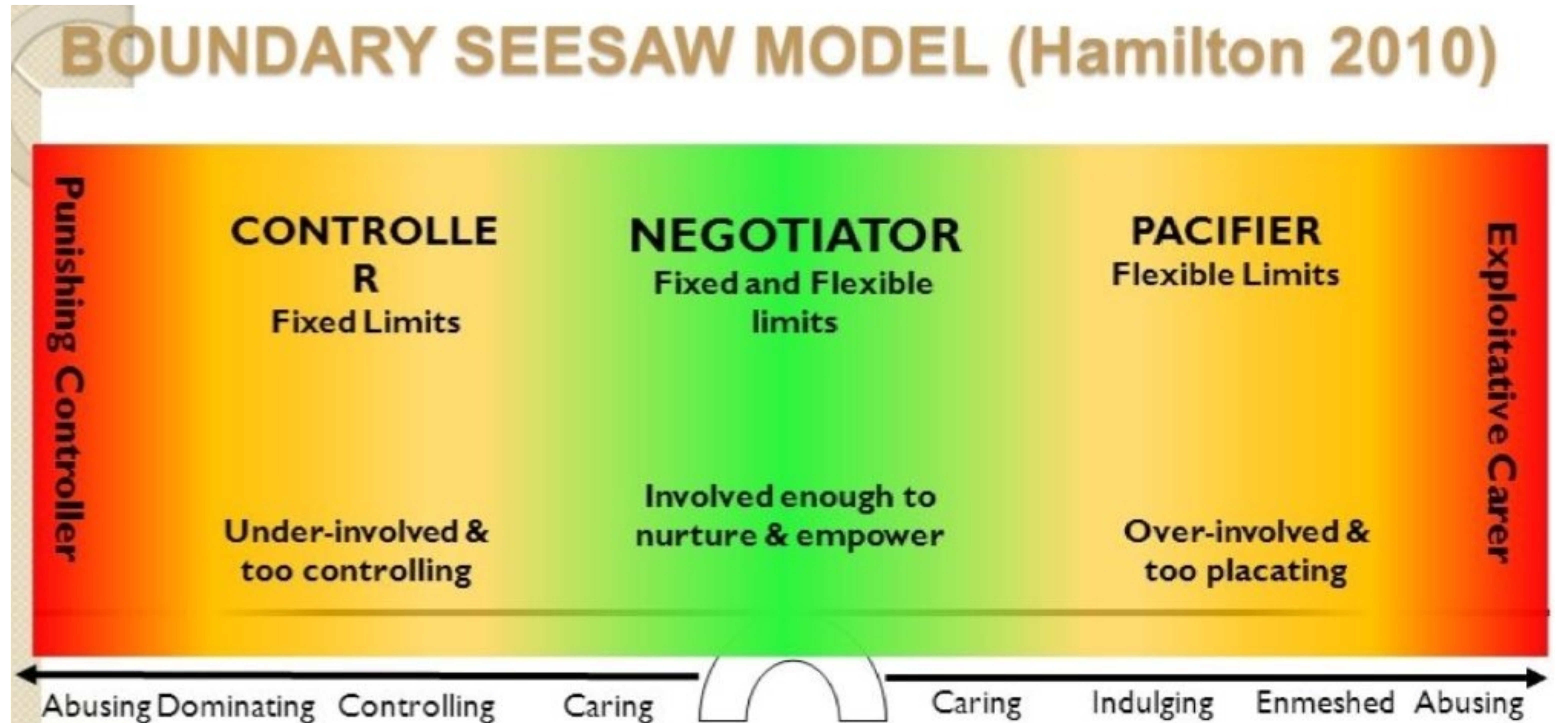
## Boundaries

- Sustainable care

## Reflection

- Mindfulness
  - Feelings
  - Environment

## Your colleagues



Hamilton, L (2010). Boundary Seesaw Model: Good fences make for good neighbours. In Tennant, A. & Howells, K. (Eds.), *Using Time, Not Doing Time: Practitioner Perspectives on Personality Disorder & Risk* (p181-194). Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell.



QUESTIONS?

